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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

Shortly afterwards a Notice, or Department Order, dated April 2nd, 1851, was issued to postmasters regarding the rates of postage between Canada and the United States, California and Oregon. It is hardly necessary to reproduce this in its entirety and it will suffice to state that the rate on single letters to the United States was six-pence currency, equivalent to ten cents in United States money, while to California and Oregon the rate was nine pence currency per half-ounce. On newspapers, pamphlets, etc., the rates were the same as those for Canada itself with the stipulation that all such mail must be pre-paid. Certain offices were named for handling the mail between Canada and the United States, viz: Post Sarnia, Windsor, Fort Erie, Queenston (the channel of communication with the United States for the country west of Toronto), Niagara, Toronto, Cobourg (a communication during summer only, by steamer to Rochester), Kingston, Brockville, Prescott, Montreal, St. John's, Dundee, and Stanstead. On the 21st of April, 1851, an Order was issued from the Post Office Department referring to the issue of stamps. The most interesting paragraphs from this order are:—

Postage Stamps are about to be issued; one representing the Beaver, of the denomination of Three pence; the second representing the head of Prince Albert, of the denomination of Six pence; and the third, representing the head of Her Majesty, of the denomination of One shilling; which will shortly be transmitted to the Post Masters at important points, for sale. Any Letter or Packet, with one or more Stamps affixed, equal in amount to the Postage properly chargeable thereon, may be mailed and forwarded from any office as a pre-paid Letter or Packet; but if the Stamps affixed be not adequate to the proper Postage, the Post Master receiving the Letter or Packet for transmission will rate it with the amount deficient in addition. This Regulation concerning Letters short paid has reference only to Letters passing within the Province.

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the Letter or Packet may be deposited, with an instrument to be furnished for that purpose. In Post Offices not so furnished, the stamps must be cancelled by making a cross (X) on each with a pen. If the cancelling has been omitted on the mailing of the Letter, the Post Master delivering it will cancel the stamp in the manner directed, and immediately report the Post Master who may have been delinquent, to the Department. Bear in mind that Stamps must invariably be cancelled before mailing the Letters to which they are affixed.

It is rather interesting to note that the series comprised only three values, though the postal rates, as shown in the Notice quoted above, and further amplified in a lengthy set of "Regulations and Instructions" called for numerous rates of 1/2d and 1d as well as 7 1/2d so that it certainly seems strange that no provision was made for stamps by means of which such rates could be pre-paid.

The beaver is typical of Canada, for the prosperity of the Colony is largely founded on this animal, whose skin has been a valuable article of commerce since the days of the early trappers in the land of the maple tree. The choice of a beaver as the central theme of the design of Canada's first stamp—the 3d value—is, therefore, particularly appropriate. The stamp is rectangular in shape and the centrepiece is enclosed within a transverse oval band inscribed "CANADA POSTAGE" at the top, and "THREE PENCE" below. Above the beaver is an Imperial crown which breaks into the oval band and divides the words "CANADA" and "POSTAGE." This crown rests on a rose, shamrock, and thistle (emblematic of the United Kingdom) and on either side are the letters "V R" (Victoria Regina, i. e. Queen Victoria). In each of the angles is a large uncolored numeral "3". Mr. Howes tells us that this stamp was



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100 " "	60 150	3.75	6 St. Vincent	.10
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Scott's No. 509	1c green, oriental buff	.15	Scott's No. 517	2c rose, oriental buff	.05
Scott's No. 510	1c green, blue	.15	Scott's No. 518	4c brown, white	.10
Scott's No. 511	1c green, amber	.15	Scott's No. 519	5c blue, white	.15
Scott's No. 512	1c green, oriental buff	.15	Scott's No. 520	4c brown, die A, amber	.50
Scott's No. 513	1c green, blue	.15	Scott's No. 521	4c brown, die C, amber	.75
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Scott's No. 524	1c green, amber	.15	Scott's No. 530	2c carmine, oriental buff	.15
Scott's No. 525	1c green, oriental buff	.50	Scott's No. 531	2c carmine, blue	.50
Scott's No. 526	1c green, blue	.50	Scott's No. 532	4c chocolate, amber	.75
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The beaver, depicted on this stamp, rejoices in the scientific name of *Castor fiber*. It is a rodent of social habits and was at one time widely distributed over Europe and North America. It is now practically extinct except in Canada and even there it is said to be in great danger of extermination. Full-grown animals vary in length from thirty to thirty-six inches. They are covered with short, thick fur, which is of considerable value and their structural peculiarities are well worth noting. The beaver is furnished with powerful incisor teeth, with which it is able to bite through fairly large trees, and its fore paws are very strong. Its hind feet are webbed, so that it is a powerful swimmer, and its tail is flattened, and serves as an excellent rudder. Its ears are small and when laid back prevent any water entering them. Beavers generally live in colonies, and show remarkable intelligence and ingenuity in the construction of their homes or "lodges" and in the building of dams, where water in the vicinity of their dwellings has become too shallow to suit their tastes. These dwellings are often constructed on the banks of rivers, but the Canadian beaver is particularly fond of building lodges in the centre of large expanses of fairly shallow water. These are made of turf, tree-trunks, and other materials, and are often used as store houses for food reserves, as well as for living in.

The 6d stamp follows the usual upright rectangular form and its central design consists of the portrait of Prince Albert, the Royal Consort. The portrait is enclosed within an upright oval inscribed in a similar manner to the 3d but with, of course, "SIXPENCE" on its lower portion. The numeral "6" is shown in each of the four angles. Albert Francis Charles Augustus Emanuel the younger of the two sons of Ernest, Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, was born in 1819. He was carefully educated at Brussels and Bonn (1836-8), where he showed himself an ardent student, acquired many accomplishments, and developed a taste for music and the fine arts. King Leopold and Baron Stockmar had long contemplated an alliance between Prince Albert and Princess Victoria, and the pair were brought together in 1836. When the succession of Victoria was assured the betrothal took place, and on February 19th, 1840, the marriage, which was one of real affection on both sides, was solemnized in the Chapel Royal, St. James Palace. The Prince Consort's position as the husband of a constitutional sovereign was difficult, and in the early years of his married life his interference in matters of state was resented. Ultimately he became "a sort of minister, without portfolio, of art and education", and in this capacity won much esteem and popularity. He also interested himself in agriculture and in social and industrial reform. To him was due the Great

Exhibition of 1851, which resulted in a balance of a million dollars available for the encouragement of science and art. His personal character was very high, and he exercised great influence on his children. He was an ideal consort, and entirely worthy of the title "Albert, the Good". On December 14th, 1861, he succumbed to an attack of fever, and was buried in St. George's Chapel, Windsor. His remains were afterwards removed to the mausoleum at Frogmore.



The 12d stamp is very similar in design to the 6d denomination but bears the portrait of Queen Victoria. The life and reign of Queen Victoria are matters of such general knowledge that biographical details are hardly necessary. A few words, however, regarding the source of this handsome portrait, which was used to adorn so many of the earlier British Colonial stamps, will not be amiss. Mr. Howes tells us that this portrait "was taken from the full length painting by Alfred Edward Chalon, R. A., which was ordered by the Queen for her mother, the Duchess of Kent, as a souvenir of Her Majesty's first visit to the House of Lords. The occasion was the prorogation of Parliament, on July 17th, 1837, and the Queen is portrayed in her robes of state, because of which fact the painting is sometimes described as 'in Coronation Robes', but this is erroneous."

The 12d requires a few words in explanation of the manner in which the value was expressed for "One Shilling" would appear to be a more natural form for this amount rather than "Twelve Pence". Mr. Donald A. King says:—"This was undoubtedly done intentionally, as though it was intended for a one shilling stamp, yet it could not be called that, as there were a number of shillings of different values in circulation in the Colony. If the stamp had been lettered 'One Shilling', the Post Office was liable to have tendered for it 6 1/2d, 7 1/2d, 10d, or 12d, according to locality."

Mr. Howes gives a fuller explanation which we cannot do better than quote in his own words:—

"A glance back at the rates of postage we have already quoted will show that it was generally necessary to give them in two forms, 'currency' and 'sterling'. The somewhat depreciated Canadian currency required fifteen pence, as will be noted, to equal the shilling sterling—a point brought out on the two stamps issued subsequently for the British Packet rates. Add to this fact that in New England the 'shilling' was a current expression for

S—E—T—S

1892, Greece, 1dr gray, perforated	.05
1896, 1, 2, 5, 201	.04
1901, 1, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 501	.08
1912, 1, 5, 10, 20, 251; litho.	.06
1912, (Turkey) 1, 21, mint	.05
1891, Netherlands, 25c dull violet	.04
1899, 1/2c-1gld, 12 var.	.08
1883, Norway, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25c	.05
1894, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25c	.05

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NETHERLANDS

1907, Naval Jubilee, 1/2, 1, 2 1/2c new	.06
Nassau-Orange, 2 1/2, 3, 5 & 10c, used	.15
Charity, 1913, 7 var. comp., new	.25

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1910, Argentine, 1c,	161	.03	.013
2c,	162	.04	.02
5c,	165	.02	.01
12c,	167	.06	.03
1915, Austria, Occupation, 1h, 2h, 3h,			
Nos. 472, 473, 474, set,			.04
Australia, 2s Kang., Punched O.S.,			.20
1912, Belgium, P. P. 10fr*,	248	.05	.05
1901, Bolivia, 5c,	69	.06	.013
20c,	75	.05	.013
1909, 10c,	85	.06	.02
1910, 5c,	92	.04	.02
20c,	94	.12	.04
1911, 5 on 2c,	96	.05	.02
1906, Brazil, 500r,	181	.10	.03
700r,	182	.15	.05
1909, 200r,	188	.10	.04
1913, 1000r,	191	.10	.04
1891, 10r, News.,	272	.10	.023
1913, 1000r, Off.,	521	.05	.05
1910, Cuba, Spec. Del.*,	354	.14	.14
1912, Bolivia, 1c*,	98	.03	.013
5c,	100	.08	.023
10 on 1c,	101	.10	.04
1882, Br. Guiana, 1c	107	.03	.01
2c,	108	.03	.01
1909, Canal Zone, 2c*,	37	.10	.03
1883, Col. Rep., 10c,	115	.25	.05
1892, Costa Rica 1c*	37A	.08	.01
1911, 1c on 10c*	92	.50	.17
1889, Curacao, 2c*	14	.03	.01
1878, Guatemala, 4r*,	13	.15	.05
1898, 2 on 25*	93	.20	.08
1908, Japan, 5 yen,	113	.15	.05
1894, Netherlands, 25c Due,	221	.05	.02
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1884, Paraguay, 1c*,	20	.08	.04
1c used,		.08	.023
1887, 1c*,	23	.08	.03
1902, Persia, 10c on 1k*,	209	.60	.12
1891, Queensland, 3d,	93	.10	.04
4d,	94	.08	.03
1907, 5d,	128A	.10	.04
1896, Rhodesia, 1/2d*,	26	.08	.04
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1860, So. Australia, 2d,	16	.35	.12
1897, Salvador, 10c Off.,			
Sur. on Regst.,	667	.12	.03
1883, Straits, 8c,	43	.10	.03
10c,	44	.10	.03
1884, 2c,	45	.04	.013
5c,	47	.05	.02
5c Bank can.,			
1892, Perak, 5c,	44	.15	.05
1895, 1c,	47	.04	.013
1900, 3 on 50c,	66	.25	.08
1882, Selangor, 1c,	111	.03	.013
1864, Tasmania, Id, P. C.,	25	.10	.05
1871, 1d,	53	.10	.02
2d,	54	.20	.02
1911, Venezuela, 50c,	254	.03	.01
1912, Jamaica 3d, W. B.,	69	.20	.05
1911, Newf'd d, 1c, 2c, 5c, set of 3,			.10
1901, W. Australia, 23d,	75	.06	.02
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16½ cents (10 pence currency), while
 in New York it represented 12½ cents
 (7½ pence currency) and we can
 readily see that in Canadian territory
 contiguous to these sections the num-
 ber of pence to a 'shilling' might often
 be a debatable quantity. As a matter
 of fact the French Canadians of Low-
 er Canada made general use of the
 'shilling' as reckoned at 10 pence (20
 cents) in the old currency, while the
 'York shilling' was extensively used
 in Upper Canada. 'Twelve Pence' was
 without doubt wholly intentional,
 therefore, as the designation of the
 stamp, and was happy solution of any
 ambiguity in its use, even if it has
 proved a stumbling block to the under-
 standing of latter day collectors."

(To be continued.)

NOTES ON RECENT ISSUES.

(C. Whitfield King & Co.'s List.)

Belgian Congo—A new set of stamps
 of the same designs as those of 1910
 have been issued in new colours, except
 the 5, 10 and 25c, which, being in Postal
 Union colours, cannot be altered, but
 instead are slightly changed in the
 frame of the design, the values in words
 being added at the top of the stamps.
 We suppose this new issue has been
 rendered necessary through looting of
 the stock of the old issue by the Ger-
 mans; these new stamps are expected to
 arrive about December 6th.

Epirus—The Macedonian stamps of 1,
 2, 3 and 5 lepta have made their appear-
 ance overprinted for Northern Epirus
 in red instead of black. Our corre-
 spondent informs us that this was
 through an error of the printer, as only
 revenue stamps should be overprinted
 in red; of these surcharges it is stated
 that only 5,000 each were issued. We
 have not been able to obtain any of
 these stamps in the usual way, and it
 will therefore be impossible to distribute
 them to new issue clients.

Russia—The 10, 15 and 20 kopeks
 stamps of the Romanoff series have been
 printed on very thick paper, perforated,
 and printed on the back with the Na-
 tional Arms and an inscription signifi-
 ying that the stamps possess the same
 right of circulation as silver currency.
 Their issue has been rendered necessary
 owing to the scarcity of small coins, and
 we understand that their sale has been
 discontinued; they are available either
 as currency or for postage.

Trinidad—The current 1d stamp has
 been overprinted with a Red Cross bor-
 dered with black, and the date "21.10.15,"
 on which date alone they were available.
 Our correspondent states that the whole
 issue was bought up in two hours, and
 that the printing of a second lot was
 found impracticable when this lot was
 exhausted, owing to some difficulty with
 regard to the plates. The stamps were
 issued ostensibly for the benefit of the
 Red Cross Society, but unless the Post
 Office charged a premium over the face
 value we cannot understand how the
 Society could benefit by their sale, as
 each stamp was available for postage
 to the extent of its face value.

SUBSCRIPTION COUPON CAMPAIGN.

By the MANAGING EDITOR.

Last week we outlined our plan for co-
 operative effort upon the part of our
 subscribers to reach the 10,000 subscrip-
 tion mark, and we hope for, and expect,
 a quick response upon the part of the
 many members of our Booster Club.

We shall make one change in the de-
 tails of the plan. The coupons will be
 returned direct to the subscription get-
 ter rather than the office of the WEEKLY,
 and this will enable everyone to keep
 close tabs upon results.

As we said last week, the plan is a
 very simple one, and under it the new
 subscriber and the subscription getter
 will each have a premium. Neat coupons
 have been prepared to be used in ordi-
 nary correspondence, each coupon repre-
 senting a yearly subscription at the regu-
 lar price of 50c. On the reverse side of
 the coupon is a list of the premiums that
 the new subscriber can make a selection
 from, while the subscription getter can
 have a choice of any six months' pre-
 mium, three months' extension of his
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At the end of every month based on
 the interest developed, prizes will be
 given the contestants who have the most
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PHILIPPINES "O. B." STAMPS.

By Courtesy THEODORE SIDDALL.

In order to better keep the accounts
 of postage stamps bought for official
 use, the governor general addressed, in
 August last, instructions to the chiefs
 of the bureaus and offices of the gov-
 ernment and to the provincial officials,
 to the effect that every stamp bought for
 official use should be marked on the face
 with the letters "O. B."

It has recently been discovered that
 some of the officials have been using
 stamps so marked for the purpose of
 paying small accounts to local mer-
 chants, who naturally have been using
 such stamps on their own correspond-
 ence. As this practice defeats the ob-
 ject in view in marking these stamps,
 the above mentioned order has now been
 amended by the issue of instructions to
 the postmasters to refuse to transmit
 any correspondence mailed by indivi-
 duals or corporations when any part of
 the postage paid thereon is represented
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 B."—Manila *El Comercio*.

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* 70	1f slate and carmine			.03	.02
* 71	½d green			.04	.02
* 73	2½d ultra			.25	.15
* 74	5d brown			.25	.15
* 75	6d violet and carmine			.35	.20
* 76	8d orange & ultra			.40	.25
* 77	10d green & carm.			.40	.25
* 94	2½d ultra			.35	.20
* 113	2d gray			.18	.10
* 17	Bermuda, 1d dull rose			3.00	2.00
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* 27	Br. Honduras, 2c on 1d rose			.12	.07
4	Canada, 3d red			.75	.40
16	10c red lilac			1.00	.60
19	12½c green			.75	.45
37	5c olive green			1.25	.70
* 10	Cayman Is., 2½d ultra			.60	.35
* 21	½d green			.05	.04
* 22	1d carmine			.10	.07
* 23	2½d ultra			.18	.10
* 24	3d violet			.20	.13
* 26	6d violet			.40	.25
* 27	1sh green			.75	.40
* 159	Ceylon, 4d yellow			.20	.10
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8	6d green			3.75	2.00
* 28	Falkland Is., 3sh gray green			4.00	2.75
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* 13	1d carmine			.15	.10
* 14	2d orange			.20	.13
* 15	2½d ultra			.20	.13
* 16	3d slate			.30	.20
* 17	4d brown			.35	.22
* 19	1sh violet			.75	.45
* 25	4d br. and ultra			.75	.45
* 17	Gibraltar, 25c on 2d violet			.75	.35
* 50	Gold Coast, 1d violet & car.			.25	.18
* 59	Hongkong, 12c blue			1.25	.75
* 70	\$1.00 green & lilac			2.00	1.40
* 86	\$2.00 scarlet & black			3.50	2.50
* 97	\$2.00 black & carm.			2.50	2.10
46	Lagos, 1sh green & black			2.50	1.50
* 51	1d violet and red			.10	.06
* 39	Leeward Is., 2d gray			.15	.10
* 40	2½d ultra			.15	.10
* 41	3d violet			.20	.14
* 42	6d violet			.30	.20
* 32	Malta, 2½d ultra			.35	.25
* 37	1sh violet and gray			.65	.45
100	Mauritius, 15c ultra			.15	.08
65	Natal, ½d blue green			2.50	1.50
* 66	½d gray green			.06	.04
* 67	1d rose			.08	.05
* 69	4d brown			.30	.20
* 73	2d olive green			.20	.14
* 76	1sh orange			.60	.40
* 78	2½d ultra			.18	.12
* 26	Newfoundland, 10c black			3.50	2.25
16	N. Nigeria, 1sh green & blk.			1.00	.60
* 32	3d violet yellow			.25	.15
* 33	5d violet & green			.35	.25
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Will Arrive.—The newspapers have told of the impending issue of a new two cent U. S. stamped envelope and we are able to furnish the official description of the variety. Attention is directed to the fourth clause which in the departmental order is headed "watermarks":

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20, 1915.

"1. Postmaster and employees of the postal service are notified that the Department is about to issue stamped envelopes bearing an embossed postage stamp of new design, described as follows:

2. The new stamp is printed in red ink and is in the form of a circle about 1 1/16 inches in diameter. In the center is embossed the head of Washington in profile, looking to the left. The sides and upper portion of the border carry the words 'United States Postage' in white capital letters, and within the border beneath the head, is the word 'cents.' with the numeral '2' on each side inclosed in a small white circle.

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dies, return-card envelopes bearing either the old or the new stamp will be furnished in response to the requisitions of postmasters. Unprinted envelopes bearing the old stamp will be issued by the Department until the stock on hand is exhausted.

4. Stamped envelopes are now produced from paper bearing new watermark designs composed of a monogram of the letters 'US' one inch high and one-half inch wide. The year '1915' runs downwardly through the monogram from left to right, or horizontally through the upper part of the monogram, or horizontally through the lower part of the monogram, the different positions of the year indicating the mills which manufactured the paper.

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Hardy Annual.—The annual report of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915, recently published, affords an idea of the magnitude of the operations of this great organization, the stamp products of which are of so much interest to philatelists. The text of the report by the Director, Mr. J. E. Ralph, who is so favorably known to philatelists is fortified by an array of statistical tables that this year embrace the current revenue issues as well as the postage. Much information worthy of comment is carried by the tables, some of which we shall refer to in the next issue. Of the revenue stamps, 5,211,504 sheets were delivered to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and concerning them Director Ralph says: "These were the first revenue stamps printed in the bureau on offset presses, and it is pleasing to state that the stamps have been received very acceptably. The higher denominations of these stamps, few in number, were printed by the plate-printing process. The act referred to required the issue of these stamps within a short time after its passage, and it would have been impossible to produce them in time by any other than the offset process in a manner that would afford the required security together with satisfactory designs and a considerable saving was made by the use of this process." We learn that the "opium stamps authorized by the act of December 17, 1914, were also printed in the bureau on offset presses." The law that called the opium stamps into existence was duly described in the WEEKLY.

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To Pursue.—The report says that three rotary web presses are in use "with resulting great economy" and we learn that two other presses are being built on which it "is proposed to print internal revenue stamps"; and undoubtedly the proprietary, documentary and wine stamps are referred to. To digress, we

skip to another portion of the report, headed, "Scarcity of Certain Supplies." As is generally known, the basic ingredients in the composition of standard shades of dry colors used by the bureau in stamp printing have been made only in Germany, a source of supply that for some time has been unavailable. Mr. Ralph was far-sighted and enterprising enough to anticipate the stringency and at the beginning of the war, he bought all the supplies that the market afforded. This stroke of business was a profitable one and though the supplies have been exhausted for some time past, the stamp colors have been maintained approximately by the mixture of other materials. It is feared that more difficulty will be experienced the coming year although the chemists are bending every effort to discover substitutes of "domestic origin." This explanation will account for shades that are being noticed in our familiar issues.

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Formosa.—A reader asks about the Formosan stamps whose cuts once embellished the catalogue. Up to the 1912 edition, two issues of Formosan stamps were listed in the American catalogue but since then, they have been "among the missing." In some of the foreign catalogues, one or both of the issues is given, up to this time. The reputation of the Formosan stamps was never considered beyond reproach and they were the target of many an unbeliever's shafts. Though they held out for years in our catalogue, they finally were dislodged. When the stamps appeared there was no national post established by China and only a local courier service was operated. The labels were premature and were described as "very nearly a purely native experiment." The labels were used as way-bills or receipts and at best may be said to have had a local significance. The stamps were catalogued by surference pending the receipt of incontrovertible news of the stamps; and once in the book, they were hard to get out. Mention may be made of labels issued in 1895 by the "Black Flags," who proclaimed a Formosan republic after the outbreak of the Chinese-Japanese war but by October, 1895, the Japanese had seen to it that the Black Flags no longer waved.

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Holiday Greetings.—The receipt of holiday greetings from many of our subscribers makes us truly grateful. It is pleasant to feel that the WEEKLY is in the minds of a good number of our readers and we would have them understand that we hold their expressions of cheer at the highest sentimental quotations.

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The Start.—We are pleased to find that Mr. W. G. Windhurst, Marion, Ohio, is proceeding with his plan to raise funds for the soldiers of the different warring nations through contributions of a philatelic nature which are to be disposed of at auction. On the revised scale on which Mr. Windhurst is basing his efforts, the success of the movement will be more certain, we think, than on the more pretentious outline first presented. It is fitting to say that Wm. H. Schaffner, president of the Marion County Bank, who has been appointed treasurer *pro tem.*, of the fund, is a gentleman who has been most favorably known for many years and his coöperation is a distinct advantage to this charity.

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—Many cards and complimentary greetings have come to the WEEKLY office during the past few days. One of the most acceptable was from A. W. Dunning, who sent us a "weekly reminder calendar" for 1916.

—Elsewhere in this issue will be found the large advertisement of F. W. Reid, long a dealer in Denver, Colo., and now residing in Sydney, N. S. W. Ordinarily, we do not allow the WEEKLY to be used as a reference, but we have permitted this advertisement to go in reading as it does, knowing Mr. Reid as a reliable dealer and an old-time patron of our publication. He advertises a line of stamps that will prove attractive, and which he has had unusual facilities in securing. No cable addresses are registered during the war, but cables addressed "Reid, Victoria Arcade, Sydney" would reach him. We hope to number Mr. Reid as a regular advertiser.

—Herbert H. A. Fox gets ahead of our special number with a half-column advertisement this week. Mr. Fox has made a name for himself as an importer and dealer in British Colonials and has developed a splendid business in the short time that he has used our columns. We have always been able to give him a good name and our readers will find our endorsement a proper one.

—Malcolm H. Ayer, Jr.; calls our attention to the fact that there is a very interesting three-page article on the "Manufacture of Postage Stamps" in the January number of *Pearson's*.

—D. D. Berolzheimer in a letter to the WEEKLY suggests that we publish week by week a list of subscribers who would like to receive auction catalogs. There is a decided objection to our publishing in the WEEKLY names and addresses of collectors, which must be apparent. We are of the impression that any collector can receive auction catalogs regularly throughout the season by sending a post card request to the dealers using our columns.

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Since I wrote my note regarding the danger attending the use of the tetrachlorid, I have received from the U. S. Department of Labor a bulletin entitled: "Industrial poisons used in the rubber industry," which in forcible terms condemns the use of carbon tetrachlorid as being among the five most dangerous substances used in that industry.

Lehmann whose work is quoted, found that experiment shows that 2 to 3 grains of carbon tetrachlorid when in vapor form in one quart of air is dangerous within one-half hour.

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THE NEW GIBBONS CATALOG.

By FRED J. MELVILLE.

The times change, and our stamps to some extent change with them. The stamps of Egypt are no longer to be sought for in the "foreign" catalogue; the land of the Pharaohs has become a British Protectorate, and the once foreign stamps are gathered into the great British group. The publishers have not adopted exactly the same attitude to the old issues of the former German colonies; these will be left in Part II, where it is to be hoped they will be all but forgotten, as the majority of them never served any bona-fide postal use, being printed and sold in Berlin to the stamp trade there.

Concerning the British and French provisional surcharges on former German colonial stamps, however, the publishers emphasize the fact that they will always be of a very high degree of interest, that in all cases the stocks on hand were but small, the greatest number of any one value being about 28,000, and there were several cases in which one, two, or three copies of a high value were seized and overprinted. Although the prices for these are already high, Messrs. Gibbons state, "We think they must constantly advance, as the supplies are so limited."

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The war has bound together in an indissoluble manner the Mother Country and her Dominions across the seas, and for many years to come, we cannot imagine a patriotic Briton doing business with a German, and it seems to us that as years go on the tendency amongst us Britons will be more and more to specialise in our own stamps; for these and other reasons, we feel sure that, as an investment, the old postage stamps of Britain and her Dominions will rank above those of any other portion of the world.—*London Telegraph*.

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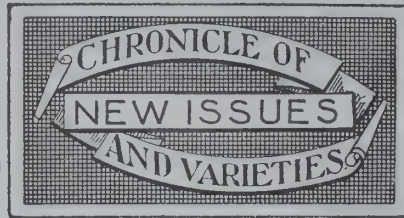
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UNITED STATES.—Edward S. Horwitz reports having seen a copy of the new 11c stamp, precancelled "Minneapolis, Minn.," with the overprint inverted. Also, two varieties of the 2c Postal Savings envelope with the penalty overprint; one has the penalty printed across the face of the stamp, the other has six thick bars printed across the face of the stamp, and the penalty above the stamp. Scott does not list either of these.

Hugo Kuenstler has shown us three varieties of the Internal Revenue tax paid for 1915, a tobacco stamp, 1 ounce blue on white, showing an Indian head; and two snuff stamps, 1 ounce and 1 1/2 ounces, black on blue, each showing a growing tobacco plant.

Raymond Freshwater shows a copy of the 10c parcel post stamp, with a scratch on the plate, running through the "A" of "Parcel" and well down into the picture.

A. F. Simionescu reports having found the broken "N" variety in the 1/2c Proprietary of the current issue, and corroborates Mr. Reeder's statements regarding its appearance in the sheet.

H. C. Kendall submits specimens of the new envelope watermarks. Bartels calls these 19 and 20, and has already thoroughly exploited them in the Chronicle.

ARGENTINE.—Ewen's Weekly reports the 5c, ploughman type, on unwatermarked paper. It seems that this variety is due to the present scarcity of watermarked paper. There are several values of this series.

According to The Australian Philatelist, the 24c has appeared lithographed, and on paper with the honeycomb watermark.

Ewen's Weekly also reports a specimen of the 1912, 12c stamp with honeycomb watermark sideways.

AUSTRALIA.—The entire set up to 5sh appears now on paper with new watermark, Crown and narrow A. Specialists in these stamps will have their fun with the watermarks of which there are four distinct varieties, paper of which there is a variety in thickness, and perforations of which there are also a few varieties.—Hermann Focke says.

CYPRUS.—Ewen's Weekly chronicles the issue of a postcard, of the 1 piastre value, carmine on cream, with portrait of King George.

Post Card.
1pi carmine on cream.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—The issue of a new postcard, with portrait of King Frederic VIII., is chronicled by Maury's Collectionneur.

Post Card.
5b green on white.

JAPAN.—John C. Morgan has shown us specimens of the Coronation Commemorative stamps and official cards as noted last week. All of these, as well as Mr. Rasmussen's covers, have the special postmark used in honor of the event, special postmarks finding great

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favor with the Japanese postal authorities. This is further shown by two cards sent by Mr. Morgan, issued in honor of the Jubilee of the opening of the Port of Yokohama. These cards show Yokohama in 1859 and in 1909, and one has medallions with portraits of Commodore Perry, and the Emperor of Japan at the time of his visit.

LOURENÇO MARQUES.—Hermann Focke has shown us a new provisional from this Portuguese Colony, Scott's No. 80 having been surcharged "Dois" in black. Provisional Adhesive.
2c on 15r gray green.

N. W. PACIFIC ISLANDS.—Hermann Focke writes: "Under date of October 20 I received another small consignment of stamps from Rabaul, which includes the 1d and 4d values. This issue will give ample work to the specialist, such as various types of "S" in "Islands", small "I" in same word, and broken letter "N". It is said that another printing has appeared on the stamps with the new watermark, but for this I do not vouch, as I have not seen them."

Later Mr. Focke writes: "I enclose two more interesting covers from this group of Islands in the Pacific, one from Nauru, or Pleasant Island, with the interesting communication from the Acting Post Master that 'no stamps are available' and the other from Rabaul with a number of Censor marks. The interesting side of this is that in spite of the fact that the stamp 'Passed by censor' appeared on the cover, this was opened by another Censor, his label covering the former stamp. It seems that one Censor did not trust the other! I have also seen a cover with these stamps from Herbertshöhe, with the 2c perforated 'O. S.' and the 1d and 2 1/2d ordinary postage."

RUSSIA.—Ewen's Weekly reports the new novelty in War stamps, printed because of a scarcity of small coinage change, which prompted the Russian Ministry of Finance to issue an order making postage stamps issued on the occasion of the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the founding of the House of Romanoff, legal tender. The stamps range in denomination from 1 to 20 kopecks, and are on thick paper with the Coat of Arms and inscription at back, and perforated 13.

War Stamps.

10k blue, back; inscription black.
15k red-brown; inscription black.
20k olive-green; inscription black.

TIMOR.—Scott's No. 80 for this Colony has appeared with the "Republica" overprint in a new setting in red. Only the first letter, the "R" is a capital, instead of all being capitals as in the case of all the other overprints. Hermann Focke reports this.

VICTORIA.—J. E. Lea sends us a photograph of the 1d green of the 1857-61 issue, perforated 12, and watermarked "FOUR PENCE". The 4d watermarked "ONE PENNY" is listed by Scott, but this is the first copy found with the first-named combination. Experts pronounce it a new discovery of a genuine rarity.

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December 21, 1915.

The 348th (regular) meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society was held this evening at the Club Room. The application of Mr. Wm. T. Jenney was favorably voted on, and his membership number is No. 612. The regular business having been transacted and officers for the next year nominated the "Christmas Entertainment Committee" gave out many "beautiful" presents to the 38 members present, after which Mr. Farrar showed his collection of Mexico and a few postage stamp slides were thrown upon the screen as a sample of what could be done in that direction. After a pleasant evening the meeting adjourned at 10.35 p. m.

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261st meeting was held December 16th. President Bartels called meeting to order at 8.45. Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted. Mr. Julius Schack was proposed for membership by Mr. E. Koller, seconded by Mr. Denzau. Mr. E. Klein was appointed Stamp Expert, Mr. H. M. Lewy as Auctioneer, Mr. W. O. Staeb as Press Agent to see that the press is informed of special events. After some discussion, it was decided to avail ourselves of the exchange circuit of the American Philatelic Society, and Mr. Lewy volunteered his service to follow up the subject. Messrs. Hermann, Jancovich, Meininger and Schlesinger, exhibited their Saints, Mr. Meininger winning the exhibit, as neither Mr. Jancovich nor Mr. Schlesinger won this exhibit, they were tied for the trophies, so the President could not present the cups, and the cups are, therefore, to be held for 1916. Messrs. Burnett and Schack were visitors. Those present: Mrs. Held, Messrs. Bartels, Hermann, Koller, Denzau, Jancovich, Dr. Keidanz, Lewy, Schlesinger, Mouhib, Meininger, Moye. — W. O. STAEB, Sec.

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Two issues of Belgian Red Cross stamps have so far appeared during the great war, and a third issue was to have made its appearance on March 15th last, which however has been postponed. I give below details of the printing, etc., which I believe to be more correct than the figures published in a contemporary some months ago.

The first issue, which appeared on October 2d, 1914, consisted of two completely different types, which I shall call Type I and Type II. They were lithographed by Messrs. Verschueren, of Antwerp, and the plates from which they were printed were destroyed, after use.

TYPE I.

There are three values of Type I, the size of the stamps being $24\frac{1}{2} \times 34\frac{1}{2}$ mm. The picture represents the Monument to the Belgian Independence, or War of Independence Monument, which was inaugurated at the beginning of 1914 at Berchem, to commemorate the death of Frédéric de Mérode. Each stamp bears two red crosses in the lower cartouches and the value is in white on coloured ground in the upper corners. The sheets consisted of four blocks of 25 stamps (5 rows of 5 each) and the perforation is 14. When supplied to the post offices, each block of 25 stamps was separated and stamped "Dépot 1914" in one of the top corners generally, before being supplied to the post offices.

5 centimes, yellow-green; bright green. Cross, vermilion, pale vermilion, carmine.

10 centimes, pale carmine, bright red.*
20 centimes, pale mauve on white, purple on coloured paper, bright purple on pale mauve. Cross, vermilion, pale vermilion, carmine.

TYPE II.

There are also three values, but of a smaller size: 18×23 mm., representing King Albert in an oval on lined background, with a red cross in the lower left-hand corner, and the value in the cartouche of the lower right-hand corner. The sheets consisted of two blocks of 150 stamps each (10 rows of 15 each), perforated 14, and they were also provided with the stamp "Dépot 1914," generally inverted, on the upper left-hand corner, before being supplied to the post offices.

5 centimes, yellow-green, bright green. Cross, vermilion, carmine.

10 centimes, pale red, bright carmine-red.*
20 centimes, pale purple on white, bright purple on coloured paper. Cross, vermilion, carmine.

According to the *Bollettino Filatelico*, there exists a very scarce variety of the 10 centimes, not perforated on the left-hand side.

The stamps of this issue, used on letters bearing the postmark: "Le Havre—Seine Inférieure" from 18th to 23rd October, 1914, are, I think, bound to be of great value.

SECOND ISSUE. (TYPE III.).

This issue, as the first, consisted of three values, which were sold at Le Havre from January 2nd, 1915. They represent King Albert, and their size is 24×34 or $24\frac{1}{2} \times 34\frac{1}{2}$ mm. The frame is the same as in type I. (Monument), but a small c is added to the figure of the value in the upper cartouches.

This set was printed by Messrs. Waterlow Bros. and Layton, Ltd., London. Each sheet consisted of 4 blocks of 25 stamps (5 rows of 5 each), perforated 14. The first 180,000 sets were supplied to the post offices in sheets of 50, without the name of the printers. After this consignment they were supplied in sheets of 100 (in four blocks of 25), bearing the name of the printers. The control stamp "Dépot 1915" is only found on a

*NOTE.—The 5 and 20 centimes of the first issue (type I. and II.) were printed in two operations, the cross being printed in the second operation, so that it may be found in various positions.

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5 centimes (3,000,000) blue-green.
10 centimes (3,000,000) carmine. The cross and centre in rose.

30 centimes (1,000,000) mauve.
Varieties—Perf. 12×14 , about 3,000 copies of the 5 centimes are known.

Perf. 12, about 8,750 copies of the 20 centimes.

Perf. 14×12 , only a few sheets are known to have been issued.

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The most interesting varieties are certainly the following:—

20 centimes, King Albert with a gash under the lower lip (*Roi Albert balafré*).

(I have not seen the other values with the gash).

5c, 10c, 20c, with broken épaulement (already chronicled on page 151 of *Stamp Collecting*, Vol. 4, No. 19).

The third issue (type 4) was to represent King Albert and Queen Elizabeth, and four values were intended to be issued. Unfortunately, the proofs, when submitted by Messrs. Waterlow to the Belgian Government, were refused, and the issue of this set has been postponed to an indefinite date.

All the Belgian Red Cross stamps were sold at double face value, of which amount, one-half went to the Post Office, and the other half to the Red Cross funds. They were only available for postage to and from Le Havre—Ste. Adresse—the portion of Belgium not invaded—the region of Baar-le-Duc. — *Stamp Collecting*.

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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

(CHAPTER III—Continued.)

The three values forming this first issue were manufactured by Messrs. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch and Edson, of New York, who are, perhaps, better known to fame as the engravers of the 1847, 5c and 10c stamps for the United States government. All three stamps were printed from plates engraved in *taille douce* the plates consisting of one hundred impressions arranged in ten horizontal rows of ten each. The manufacturer's imprint—"Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, New York"—was engraved twice on each of the four sides quite close to the stamps. The imprints were so placed that the bottoms of the letters are always next to the stamps with the consequence that on the printed sheets of stamps the imprints read upwards at the left, downwards at the right, and upside down on the bottom margins.

A variety of the 3d denomination is catalogued with "double transfer". This is, of course, a plate variety caused like all similar ones by a faulty or incorrect rocking of the roller impression on the plate and a correction on top of this impression which did not always entirely obliterate the first impression. Mr. Howes says this variety "is recognized by the letters EE PEN being 'doubled' at the top, making it appear as if a line had been drawn through the words and giving it the name occasionally used of the 'line through threepence' variety." There are at least two other similar varieties of "double transfers" known on this value for in the *Philatelic World* for December, 1908, Mr. A. J. Sefi described and illustrated three different ones. One of these is a variety mentioned by Mr. Howes, another shows a distinct doubling of parts of the details of the two left-hand corners, while the third variety shows a doubling of the upper right hand corner. It is quite possible a close study of these stamps would reveal others and also similar varieties in the 6d and 12d. "Double strikes" are not uncommon on stamps produced by the line-engraved process though they are not often so striking as the first of these Canadian varieties and those found on the United States 10c stamp of 1847.

According to a valuable summary from official records published in the *Metropolitan Philatelist* we learn that the first delivery of stamps from the manufacturers took place on April 5th, 1851, when 100,000 of the 3d denomination were delivered to the Canadian Government. On April 20th, a second supply of the same value comprising 150,200 stamps arrived in Canada. On May 2nd 100,400 of the 6d were received followed two days later by

51,400 of the 12d this latter being the only consignment of the highest value ever received from the printers. We have already pointed out that the 3d was placed on sale on April 23rd, 1851. The date of issue of the 6d is not known for certain as there are no official records relating to this though, as a supply was received on May 2nd, they were doubtless issued some time during the same month. The 12d was issued on June 14th as we shall show later.

The three values of this series, as well as other denominations in pence issued later, were withdrawn from use on July 1st, 1859, when decimal currency was introduced. By means of much diligent search through Post Office Reports and other records Mr. Howes has determined that a total of 3,528,700 3d stamps were issued and a total of 402,900 of the 6d value. Some of both these values were issued with perforation late in 1857 or early in 1858. Unfortunately there is no means of separating these from the imperforate ones as shown by the official figures but if we use the somewhat rough-and-ready means of reckoning afforded by catalogue quotations it would seem that of the above totals about three million of the 3d and 325,000 of the 6d were imperforate.

The 12d value, as every collector knows, is a very rare stamp. Even had the full supply of 51,000 stamps, received in the first and only consignment from the manufacturers on May 4th, 1851, been issued, it would have been a rare variety, but as a matter of fact, the greater portion of the consignment was destroyed and only 1510 were actually issued. An interesting article published in the *Metropolitan Philatelist* in 1902 shows that this denomination was first issued on June 14th, 1851, and supplies were made to various post offices as follows:—

	No. Stamps
June 14th, 1851, Hamilton,	300
Oct. 17th, 1851, Chippewa,	100
Nov. 13th, 1851, Thorold,	20
Nov. 25th, 1851, Toronto,	200
Mar. 8th, 1852, Montreal,	200
Sept. 14th, 1852, Ingersoll,	100
Apr. 5th, 1853, Ottawa (then known as Bytown),	100
Oct. 20th, 1853, Sherbrooke,	15
Jan. 13th, 1854, Smith's Falls,	50
Jan. 20th, 1854, Ottawa,	100
Feb. 8th, 1854, L'Islet,	15
Feb. 27th, 1854, Ingersoll,	20
Mar. 22nd, 1854, Sault S. Marie,	25
May 15th, 1854, Port du Fort,	15
Oct. 21st, 1854, Rowan Mills,	50
Oct. 26th, 1854, Melbourne,	50
Oct. 27th, 1854, Montreal,	100
Dec. 4th, 1854, Smith's Falls,	50
Total stamps,	1,510

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1892 Argentina, 1, 2, 3, 5, 12c	.04
1899-01 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 30c	.05
1908 1, 2, 5, 10, 12, 24c	.08
1910 1/2, 1, 2, 5, 10, 12c	.30
1912 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 20c	.06
1901 Bolivia, 1, 5, 10, 20c	.05
1909-10 5, 10, 5, 10c	.08
1900 Chile, 1, 2, 5, 10, 30, 50c	.12
1902 1, 2, 5, 10, 30c	.06
1905 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 50c	.12
1911 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 50c	.12
1909 China, Temple set, unused	.18
1892 Costa Rica, *1, 2p	.08
1901-3 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50c	.15
1899 Crete, *10, 20, 10, 20l	.20
1901-5 Dutch Ind. 1/2c-50c, 12 var.	.12
1901 Ecuador, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c, 1s	.15
1887 Guatemala, 1, 2, 5, 6c	.04
1902 1c-2p, 10 var.	.12
1912 * 1 on 20c, 2 on 50c, 5 on 75c	.06
1899 *Japan, 5r-50s, 12 var.	1.00
1900 *China, 5r-25s, 12 var.	1.00
1896 *Montenegro, 1m-10n, 5 var.	.10
1882 *Peru, 5, 10, 20c, 1s	.20
1886 1, 2, 2, 10, 50c	.20
1896 2, 5, 10, 20c	.04
1899 1, 2, 5, 10c	.04
1907 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c	.15
1909 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 20, 50c	.12
1898 Roumania, 1b-1l, 9 var.	.05
1908 5, 10, 15, 25, 40b	.05
1912 1, 3, 5, 10, 15b	.03
1906 *Salvador, 1-100c, 11 var.	.30
1911 5, 6, 12c	.15
1912 1, 2, 5, 6, 17c	.12
1911 * Off. 1c-10c, 8 var.	.20
1891 *Sweden, 1, 2, 4c	.07
1902 St. Settlement, 1, 3, 8c	.08
1904 1, 3, 8, 10c	.15
1904 Transvaal, 3, 4, 6p, 1sh	.15
1896 Trinidad, 1/2, 1, 2 1/2p, 1sh	.25
1872 W. Australia, 2p, C. C.	.04
1882 1p, bistre, C. A.	.06
1889 2p, slate	.06
1889 *Virgin Isl., 1p carmine	.10
1886 *Antigua, 4p orange brown	.18
1889 *Br. Guiana, 2c red and black sur.	.06
1907 *Brunei, 2c red and black	.07
1908 *Canada, 1/2, 1, 2, 5, 7, 15, 20c	1.10
1886 *Gambia, 1/2, 1, 4, 6p	.60
1886 *Gibraltar, 1p	.15
1886 *New Fnd., 24c blue	.05
1887 * 1/2c red	.08
1887 * 1c green	.08
1890 * 1/2c black	.05
1907 *Papua, 1sh, orange and black	.75
1907 *St. Settlement, 4 on 18c	.15
1907 *U. S. Africa, 1/2p-1sh, 7 var.	.75
1901 *Nyassa, 2 1/2r-300r	.25
1903 5 var.	.15
1911 *Honduras, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 20c	.30
1900 *Dom. Repub. 1/2, 1, 2, 5, 10c	.10
1900 50c, 1p	.15
1896 *Rhodesia, 1sh	.35
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*1911, Philippines, 26l-265, 2c-10c	.22
1912, Salvador 17c, No. 41c, cat. 10c	.03
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The consignment sent to Smith's Falls on December 4th, 1854, was the last distributed. While we can trace no official notice referring to the discontinuance of this denomination, or the actual date at which it ceased to be used, the writer of the article referred to above says that the balance of 49,490 stamps were destroyed on May 1st, 1857, "in accordance with the practice of the Department in cases of the discontinuance of stamps" though as this was the first Canadian stamp to be discontinued, a precedent could hardly have been established.

The following interesting excerpt from the *Stamp Collectors' Magazine* for April, 1870, states that the 12d value was discontinued in 1855 and it also lays considerable stress on the scarcity of used specimens of this stamp, viz:—

One of our readers observing from a reply we made to a correspondent in the last October number, that we were in doubt as to whether the 12d was ever actually used, has been good enough to write the Deputy Postmaster-General on the subject and has obtained from him the following reply:—

"OTTAWA, 28th October, 1869.

DEAR SIR:—In reply to your note of the 26th inst., let me say that the twelve penny postage stamps were issued to the public in 1851, but did not find favor, and so few were sold—only a few hundred altogether in three or four years—that they ceased to be issued in 1855.

I am, dear Sir, yours very faithfully,
W. A. SMYTH."

This is satisfactorily conclusive as to the emission of the stamp in question; but if even only a few hundreds were used, we are surprised that no used copies turn up. Were they used otherwise than for postage? Mr. Philbrick informs us that no unused copy of the stamp was ever seen by him, nor does he know of its existence. Plenty of proofs on India paper, etc., exist, but the paper of the stamp was laid and thin, of a hard texture.

An extract from the *Stamp Collectors' Monthly Gazette*, published at St. John, New Brunswick, in September, 1869, shows that the rarity of the 12d was already recognised as witnessed by the fact that "even \$5" could be obtained for a specimen. We give the paragraph in full:—

This stamp, as some of our readers are aware, was in use but a short time, so short, that many persons, even those residing in Canada, knew nothing about it. One gentleman living in Quebec, to whom we had written on the subject some time ago, informed us that we must have been laboring under some mistake, when we asked him for some particulars about it. He told us that no such stamp was ever issued; but a subsequent letter from him told a totally different tale (as was expected)—he gave us a few facts, and that was all we wanted. It was first intended for postage to England, and was actually used for a time. The postage was afterwards reduced and the 10d stamp

took the place of the 12d. The latter is now (the genuine) one of the rarest in existence, and very readily obtains such prices as \$4.00 and even \$5.00 for one specimen. Proofs are often offered for sale on India paper, with the word 'specimen' written on one side. Amateur collections must content themselves with this last, for it is utterly impossible to obtain the real Simon Pure article for less than the sums we name, and even then, it is doubtful whether it can be had at the price or not. The color of the genuine stamp is black, it is an adhesive, and contains a portrait of Queen Victoria in an inscribed oval, with figures 12 at corners.

All three values of this first set were issued imperforate and while the 3d, of which at least three millions were issued, varies but little in shade, the 6d, printed in comparatively small quantities, provides a number of striking tints. In his check-list, Mr. Howes gives "black-violet, deep-violet, slate-violet, brown-violet, dull purple, slate, black brown, brownish black, and greenish black", and we have no doubt the list could be considerably amplified, though the above should be sufficient for the most exacting of specialists.

The catalogue gives two distinct sorts of paper—laid and wove—for all three values, with a sub-variety of the latter, designated "thin", for the 3d and 6d denominations. But specialists are not satisfied with this meagre classification and recognise numerous other varieties such as trick white laid, soft white wove, thin and thick grayish, thick hard, thick soft, ribbed, etc. Mr. D. A. King, in his article in the *Monthly Journal*, says, "There are fourteen varieties that we are able to distinguish", and he gives a general classification of their characteristics as follows:—

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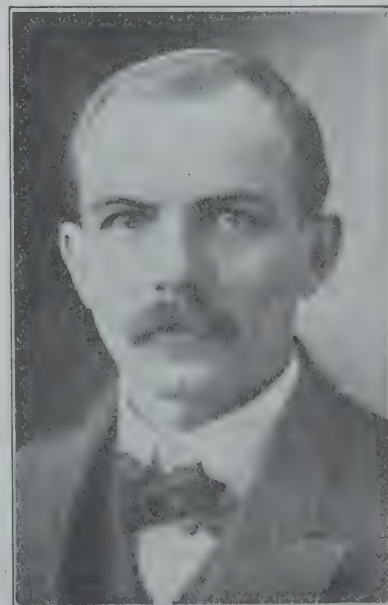
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THE 10c STAMP OF THE SERIES OF 1890, 1894-98.

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The discovery of a new variety of the 10c brown, 1898, by Mr. Bertram W. H. Poole and the subsequent explanation by Mr. Joseph B. Leavy in the *Philatelic Gazette* caused me to carefully examine my stamps of this period.

The two types of the stamp in question were not difficult to locate, but the second type (with lines overlapping the colorless oval) is not correctly described by Mr. Leavy.

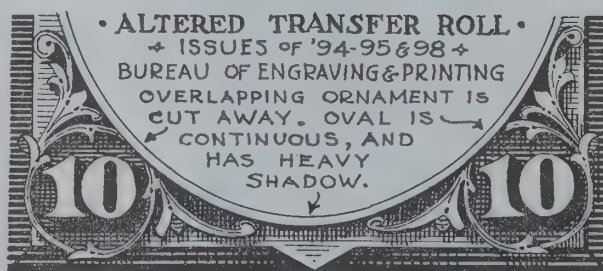
He states in part: "The Bureau, to distinguish its stamps from those of the American Bank Note Co., engraved a small triangle in each of the upper corners of the dies of the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 15 cents. No other addition or alteration whatsoever was made to the dies; etc., etc. (The italics are Mr. Leavy's). Also, 'upon . . . the first transfer rolls of the 10c a portion of the ornamentation which encroached upon the white oval was cut away being Mr. Poole's Type I, the last transfer rolls of the 10c were the same as the die, without the ornamentation cut away, this being Mr. Poole's Type II'. An examination of the 10c stamps of 1894-98 will show conclusively that none of these stamps is identical with the die from which the 10c green of 1890 was made. On the original die the lower line of the colorless oval below the words TEN CENTS is thin and stops against the ornament above the numeral 10. On all the stamps of 1894-98 this line is unbroken and is particularly heavy below and to the right of the 'label shadow' and in addition the overlapping ornament has been erased from all the stamps of 1894-95 and from some of the stamps of 1898.

As is well known under ordinary methods, no alteration could be made to the transfer rolls which would produce the heavy unbroken oval line; on the other hand, the erasure of the orna-

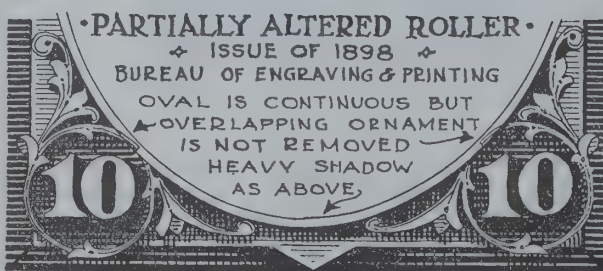
ments must have been made on the transfer roll as no change in the die can be made to produce colorless lines.



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BROWN.

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It is my opinion that at the same time the triangles were added to this die, the oval line was recut to make it continuous and the transfer rollers were then made. Some of these transfer rolls were then worked over, the overlapping ornaments being erased and plates were made which produced the 10c, 1894-95, and part of the 1898.

When new rolls were necessary, probably about 1900, they were rocked from the original die but in the interval between 1894 and 1900 it was forgotten that the previous transfer rolls were trimmed. It was probably not thought necessary to compare the roller with current stamps and plates were made from which Type II 1898 were printed.

Without having seen the original die I cannot be absolutely certain but until I do see it, I am strongly of the opinion that it will show the recut oval line, and that it will be identical in every way with type II 1898 and not with the 10c, 1890.

If this die is identical with 1890 the only explanation left is that a secondary die was made, on which the oval line was recut, in order to preserve the original die intact. I do not take much stock in this theory for the Bureau engravers added the triangles and would feel equally free to alter other parts.

The diagram given is a card from my "variety" collection and shows the three stages of the 10c stamps, the upper drawing being the original die, as seen on the 10c 1890; the next is the completely altered design, line drawn in, but ornaments not erased.

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—We erred in a recent issue in describing the donation made by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. to our list of cover rebus prizes. The album indicated should have been the Ne Plus Ultra, which is the trade name of the book in question.

—An old-time friend of the WEEKLY, L. J. Flerlage, of Norwood, O., has returned to the fold. He writes that he will also resume his membership in the various societies.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from D. T. Eaton, Monroe Nash, Benj. Cadbury, Don J. Grout, H. F. Rech, M. Ohlman.

—We are in receipt of New Year's greetings from Wm. J. Prinzing. They take the form of a copy of a "Green-ville" precancel. We greatly appreciate the many evidences of good will that have come to us from numerous subscribers.

—The annual banquet of the Twin City Philatelic Society will be held at the Emporium Tea Rooms, St. Paul, 7 P. M., January 8. We acknowledge with thanks an invitation for the WEEKLY to be represented. The annual election of officers will occur.

—The many acquaintances and correspondents of Hermann Focke will hear with regret of the sorrow that has come into his life in the death of a daughter. Our friend is placing the WEEKLY under increased obligations to him for his continued interest in our chronicle of new issues.

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As It Was—The WEEKLY as first published consisted of four pages of four columns each. The pages were somewhat larger than those now used but a bigger type was employed. The advertising in the first number consisted of five ads, one of which was that of a type-writer. Julius Conrath, Jr. & Co., St. Louis, Mo.; Excelsior Stamp Co., Hoosick Falls, N. Y.; A. N. Spencer, Cincinnati, and W. Sellschopp, San Francisco, were the dealers represented. From the reading columns of the first number we learn that the Chicago Philatelic Society had held a successful banquet on December 18th, 1890; that collectors were enjoined to plan to take part in the philatelic exhibit at the World's Columbian Exposition; that Durbin & Hanes new catalogue would illustrate watermarks; that Rochester "at last" had a philatelic society and that in New York City "the fight over the *Metropolitan Philatelist* seemed to be the most important thing here." Thus ran the world away in the first number of the WEEKLY. The start had been made and the succeeding weeks saw the new paper established as a permanent fixture of philately. The powerful auspices of the publishing company gave the paper a substance that was advantageous and it was not long before the new journal was secure in the regard of several thousand readers who were an ideal nucleus for a subscription list that was to be multiplied a good many times over. Year in and year out, the WEEKLY has brought its message with commendable regularity and its unswerving allegiance to the welfare of philately has been of inestimable value. The aim of the WEEKLY to encourage the interest of the average collector has been successfully maintained and the paper's underlying principles to adhere to the best traditions of collecting have been factors that contributed to the influence of this newspaper.

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Future—While the story of the past of the WEEKLY is one of engrossing interest, yet it is to the future that we shall look for our greatest triumphs. For some time we have been shaping our course so that our service will be so adequate that we may feel that we are discharging our obligation to philately in a way to merit the good-will of even the most critical reader. For instance, the improvement in our reading columns by the incorporation in them of material of evident merit and instructive value will be an earnest of the determination of the publishers to make their paper more completely than ever before in a class by itself.

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65, 1899, 35c	.02
69, 1905, 1k on 2s	.22
70, 1905, 1.50 on 2s	.50
71, 1905, 2k on 2s	.40
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 Italy 1910, 10l green rose .. .85
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 Norway 1910, 2kr rose .. .25
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It is not an easy thing for the collector offhand to tell the difference between the 1849 and 1870 issues of France. The catalog does not show these differences very distinctly, but the illustrations given will make them quite plain. In the engraved or 1849 type, the heads of wheat distinctly project beyond the head of Ceres, which is allegorical of the Republic. It will also be noted that the engraved design shows between the curved lines in the triangle small dots, while in the lithographed the lines are connected by small horizontal bars.

**THE JAMAICA SO-CALLED "ERROR."**

The following from Scott's *Circular* for November effectually disposes of the discovery made by an English exchange and recently quoted by the WEEKLY:—"In *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* dated Sept. 25th announcement was made of the discovery of a few copies of the current 1 shilling stamp, black on green, with the head of King George printed, in error, in purple. A careful examination of copies of this stamp and of other current British Colonial stamps in black on green paper convinces us that the new discovery is not an error but the ordinary thing. When the stamps with white back (surface-colored paper) are held to the light and looked through it will be seen that the centres are not printed in black but in a dull violet. When we look at the stamps and not through them they appear to be printed all in black, though the centres do not usually seem as strong a color as the frames. Copies that have been wet show the centre in a more or less distinct violet tint. The stamps on paper colored through do not always show the contrasting centre and it is possible that some of them are printed entirely in black."

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

The New American Government and Its Work.—By James T. Young of the University of Pennsylvania. This book is published by the MacMillan Co., 66 Fifth Av., New York City, and is one of the series of social science textbooks edited by Richard T. Ely. It would seem as though it would be impossible to write a new book dealing with the fundamental principles of our government without covering ground that had been covered many times before. We must confess, however, that the book before us is an extremely valuable contribution to our literature. The author deals with the duties of the president, the legislative bodies, and the judiciary. The portion of the book devoted to the powers of Congress is a very important part and very thoroughly covers the subject.

An interesting feature at the end of each chapter is a list of references and questions in textbook form. The student of American government will find this book a valuable help, and we take pleasure in giving it a hearty word of commendation. The price of the book is \$2.25.

OUR COVER REBUS CONTEST.

It will be remembered that some months ago we inaugurated a contest for designs to be used in connection with the celebration of our 25th anniversary. Twenty-two designs were received and it was with difficulty that the winning entry was selected. In fact, two entries received the same award, but first honors were given Wm. H. Hoagland of Philadelphia. The cover on this issue shows a design the result of Mr. Hoagland's skill.

A number of stamps are represented in this design and we want our subscribers to tell us what stamps are pictured in part and what there is about the general make-up of the design that makes it appropriate for the purpose it serves. Entries will be received up to February 1, and the best replies will be awarded certain prizes as follows:—

1st: U. S. Revenue Album in cloth, also, catalog. Value, \$10. Donated by George J. Carter.

2nd: Ne Plus Ultra Loose Leaf Blank Album. Value, \$4. Donated by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co.

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4th: "Stamps of the Philippine Islands", by F. L. Palmer and J. M. Bartels. Autographed copy. Price, \$2.50. Donated by the J. M. Bartels Co.

5th: Economist loose leaf album. "The New York", in cloth with 80 leaves, quadrille lined. Price, \$2.00. Donated by the Economist Stamp Co.

We sincerely trust that the contest will be a very spirited one and the liberality extended by our dealer friends appreciated.

POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

To Be Used in Payment of the Delivery Charge on Foreign Parcel-Post Packages.

It has come to the attention of the Department that certain post offices remit the amount of the delivery charge collected on foreign parcel-post packages to the exchange office from which the parcels were received instead of affixing to each parcel the necessary postage-due stamps in payment of the charge as required by Section 140 on page 116 of the Postal Guide for July, 1915.

Postmasters are directed, therefore, to adopt at their offices the measures necessary to discontinue the erroneous practice and to secure strict compliance with the regulations in regard thereto as prescribed in the above mentioned Section 140 of the Postal Guide and in Section 521 of the Postal Laws and Regulations.

A. A. FISHER, Act'g Second Ass't P. M. Gen.

WENDOVER NEEFUS.

Wendover Neefus, whose advertisement upon page 1 is always an attractive one, specializes in United States stamps and he has developed a large business in this direction. Mr. Neefus began his stamp business in 1894 and for a time conducted it with the assistance of his father. It has steadily developed until now there are few dealers who can surpass him in his chosen field. He now employs two clerks and

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 1874, used 1d, 50c; 6d, \$3; 1879, 1d new, 75c; 1879, used 1d, 35c; 4d, 50c; 6d,1.50
 '86, new 1/2 on 6, 35c; 1 on 1sh, 35c; 2d bistre, 60c; 1886, new 1d, 50c; 1d, 10c; 2 1/2 blue, 25c; 4d, 35c; 6d,1.50

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Hudson is within easy reach of New York and Mr. Neefus keeps actively in touch with the metropolis and is an active student of its market conditions. He reports that an increasing number of collectors stop off on trips between New York and Albany and examine his stock, which is said to be one of the finest in the country.

Mr. Neefus has always been a great believer in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY and it will be remembered by many of our readers that his enterprise secured the outside cover page of the New York Exposition Special.

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OUR OFFER With every order of \$1 or more you can select any one of the free offers given with purchases of \$1 or more. For \$2 or more any one of the \$2 offers, and for \$10 or more any one of the \$10 offers. One of the \$1 free offers given to new applicants for our approval selections (see offer under "APPROVALS" on next page). These premiums are good desirable stamps worth having and not "junk". The goods are priced RIGHT regardless of any premium which gives you that much more value. We believe "Weekly" readers know a good thing when they see it and so have been careful to list only such items as we think we have enough of to meet the demand.

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3c	1.00	.42
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1880, 1c*	.25	.11
2c	.35	.15
3c	.20	.07
5c	.40	.17
1887, 3c	.18	.06
1896, 3c*	.40	.14
3c blue	1.35	.45
1897, Cabot 4c	.15	.07
Cabot 5c	.10	.05
Cabot 6c	.12	.05
Cabot 10c	.15	.07
Cabot 8c	.18	.08
2c orange	.15	.07
1910, 5c Guy	.15	.05

What else do you want in Newfoundland? We can supply most of them at about half cat.



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2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 6p	.24	.11
5p brown	.10	.05
9p purple	.20	.09
1sh green	.15	.06
2sh brown	.35	.15
5sh yellow and black	.95	.45
4p King George	.05	.02
5p King George	.08	.03

ABYSSINIA 1903, 1/2, 3/4, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 20, 30, 50c, \$1...	.35	.17
ABYSSINIA 1905, 5 on 1/4, No. 52	.75	.35
ABYSSINIA 5c on 1/2, No. 54*	.60	.22
ABYSSINIA 5 on 1/2, No. 55	5.00	2.75
ABYSSINIA 5 on 1/2, No. 56*	5.00	2.75
ABYSSINIA 5c, 10c, Nos. 57, 58*	.80	.35
ABYSSINIA 1907, 1/2, 3/4, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 20, 30, 50c, \$1...	.65	.30
Nos. 226, 227*	.70	.32

Slip us your want list of Abyssinia. We have most of them on hand. Ever see many in approval lots? There's a reason why.

BENADIR 1909, Due 10 lire*	2.00	.95
BRAZIL 1906, Off. complete*	3.36	1.58
BRAZIL 1913, Off. 1000r	.15	.07
CHILI 1899, 30c rose (good one)	.25	.13
CHILI Due 1898, complete*	.46	.22
CHINA 1912, 16c olive No. 127	.12	.05
CHINA 1912, \$1.00, No. 131	.60	.29
CHINA 1913, 50c green (cooliet)	.20	.06
CHINA 1913, \$1 (pagoda)	.30	.10

Colombian Rep. We have a good stock. Let us know what you want or will submit app. lots.

ECUADOR 1897, 50c, No. 82*	2.50	.88
ECUADOR 1897, 5s, No. 100	2.50	1.10
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ECUADOR 1886, Off. 50c green*	1.20	.50
ECUADOR 1887, Off. 5c blue*	.50	.15
ECUADOR '97, Off. Nos. 651b-2-3*, ea.	2.50	.68
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We have one of the largest stocks of Ecuador in the world. What do you want?

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GUADELOUPE 1906, 35c	.08	.03
INDO CHINA 1904, 1fr green	.15	.07
Madagascar 1896, 40c, 50c each	.10	.04
1903, 2frs slate	.45	.20
TUNIS 1906, 1fr brown and red	.25	.12

We can submit a large variety of Fr. Colonials on approval.

GERMAN COLONIALS.

Cameroons 1897, 10pf red*	.20	.09
1897, 25pf orange*	.50	.28
CAROLINE IS. 1899, 20pf blue*	.30	.17
GERMAN NEW GUINEA 1897, 5pf*	.12	.05
BAVARIA 1911, 1m brown	.08	.03

HAYTI 1902, May, 7, 8, 10, 50c, 1g*	3.60	1.55
HONDURAS 1911, 2c grn. No. 139*	3.00	1.35
HONDURAS 1912, 1c red*, No. 140	3.00	1.35
HONDURAS '13, 2c on 20c, No. 144*	1.50	.72
HONDURAS Off. 2c, No. 302*	.20	.10
HONDURAS Off. 5c, No. 303*	.27	.13
HONDURAS Off. 5c, No. 304*	.25	.10
HONDURAS Off. 20c, No. 308*	.35	.15

JAPAN 1906, 1s blue* (War)	.60	.22
JAP. CHINA 1906, 3c red* (War)	.75	.33
JAP. CHINA 1900, 4s rose*	.25	.09
JAP. CHINA 1900, 25s green*	.25	.09

JAP. COREA 1900, 15, 20, 25, 50s, 1y	1.07	.45
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Montenegro 1907, 1p-5kr comp.	1.61	.69
1910, 1p-5per, comp.	2.51	1.10
Netherlands 1899, 51g claret. Fine copies. A fine stamp.	.85	.39

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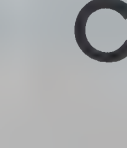
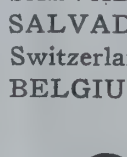
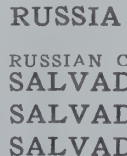
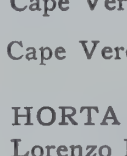
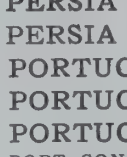
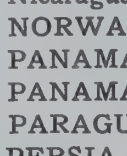
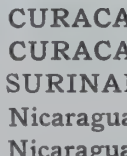
1880, 10c rose*	.10	.05
1888, 5c, 10c*	.13	.06
25c blue*	.15	.07
1894, 25c yel. & black*	.20	.09
50c gr. & black*	.25	.12
1895, 10c bl. & black*	.10	.05
1900, 50c br. & black*	.15	.07
1908, No. 31 or No. 32*	.15	.07
50c, No. 36	.40	.19
5frs red & black	1.10	.50
10frs gr. & black	1.20	.55
1909, 50c, No. 44	.25	.12

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1901, 50c lilac and blue	.25	.08
1col ochre & black	.35	.14
2col red & green	.75	.35
5col brown & black	1.00	.40
10col green & red	1.50	.52
2, 5, 10col mint*	8.75	2.90
1907, 20c, 25c*	.45	.18
1col brown & blk*	1.00	.48
2col red & black*	2.00	.95
1911, 2 on 5c, No. 93*	1.25	.50
1914, Due, 2, 4, 8, 10, 20c*	.35	.15
1901, OH. 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30c, 1col	.35	.14
1873, 50c violet*	.60	.23
1895, 2 1/2 on 10c*	.40	.17
1899, 25c on 25c*	.12	.05
1902, 25c violet*	.15	.07
1912, 1, 2, 5, 12 1/2c*	.48	.22
1903, 15, 20, 50c, 1p*	1.00	.45
1913, 2 on 20c red, No. 319	1.00	.38
1913, Nos. 333, 334	.25	.10
1904, 2p, No. 449*	7.50	2.90
1906, 30 on 7s	.10	.05
1906, 2k rose	.25	.12
1908, 50c, No. 74*	.50	.22
1908, 10c, No. 79c*	7.50	1.35
1908, 50c, No. 81a or 81b*	7.50	1.45
1903, 50c, No. 137*	2.00	.68
1884, 5c blue*	.25	.08
1886, Official cpit.*	28.50	9.75
1894, complete	1.03	.50
1898, complete	1.93	.88
1902, Prov. 3, 4, 8, 16ch*	3.10	1.35
1908, Nos. 428-442 (no No. 440)	.81	.39
1910, Rep. 100r brn.	.20	.07
1910, Rep. 200r grn.	.40	.18
1911, 500 on 100r red	1.25	.59
20r orange, No. 195	.08	.03
1898, Due 50r slate	.50	.23
1911, Nos. 193-198	2.81	1.35
PORT. CONGO 1911, 25 on 200r	.65	.23
PORT. INDIA Nos. 266*, 267*, each	.50	.22
9r, No. 303*	.20	.09
ANGOLA 1903, 75r violet	.20	.09
ANGRA 1898, 65r slate	.40	.18
1898, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50, 100r	.41	.18
Cape Verde 1902, 50r, No. 74	.15	.06
1905, 50r on 65r	.35	.15
1911, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50r	.31	.15
1912, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50r	.36	.15
1914, Ceres, 1/2, 1, 2, 5	.21	.10
1913, Nos. 115, 123, 131	.10	.05
used each	.15	.07
1913, Nos. 116, 124, 132	.15	.07
used (each)	.15	.07
HORTA 1896, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50r	.44	.20
1898, 65r slate	.40	.18
Lorenzo Marques 1915, No. 138*	3.50	1.60
1915, No. 139*	1.90	.85
Mozambique Co. 1903, 65r slate	.65	.27
1904, 115, 130, 400, 700r	2.20	.98
Ponta Delgada 1896, 2 1/2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50r	.37	.17
1898, 65r slate	.25	.12
'03, 50b or No. 161, Jub.	.50	.24
1892, 50b grn. Due	.25	.10
1892, 60b green Due	.50	.22
1910, 50b green Due	.13	.06
RUSSIA 1913, Romanoff 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 14, 15, 20, 25, 35, 50, 70k	2.21	1.10
1r (nice set)	5.00	1.95
RUSSIAN CHINA 1904, 1r, No. 8*	2.00	.89
1896, 15 on 24c*	.30	.13
1897, 13 on 30c*	.61	.22
1906, 1c to 100c*	4.00	1.35
'00, Nos. 546, 547, 548*	4.00	1.35
1906, Off. 1c to 100c*	5.48	1.10
complete and superb	1.02	.38
1910, Off. complete*	.25	.10
1855, 5r brown	.15	.06
1855, 10r blue	.15	.06
Parcel Post 1902-12, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 55, 60, 70, 80, 90c, 1.10, 2, 3, 5, 10frs*	1.02	.38



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Marshall Islands G. R. I., No. 32*, No. 33*	5.00

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INDIA'S EARLIEST STAMPS.

The *London Philatelist* announces that the Government of India has presented to the Royal Philatelic Society nine lithographic stones and four engraved copper plates which are of a high degree of historical interest in connection with the early postage stamps of India. These engraved plates and stones were used in the production of the earliest general issues of postage stamps under the Honourable East India Company; they were prepared under the direction of Captain H. L. Thuillier, Deputy Surveyor-General in the Surveyor-General's Department at Calcutta in 1854-55. The gift includes:

LITHOGRAPHIC STONES.

1. Twenty-four half anna, in three rows of eight (eight arches variety).
2. Fourteen one anna, in two rows of seven, the first and seventh stamp in each row being the pointed bust variety.
3. Six octagonal two annas.
4. Six rectangular two annas.
5. Six half anna.
6. Six one anna.
7. Six octagonal eight annas.
8. Twenty-four octagonal four annas, April, 1855.
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ENGRAVED PLATES.

1. Eight types of half anna.
2. Eight types of one anna.
3. Half anna (single).
4. Rectangular two annas, octagonal four annas, octagonal two annas, foliate ornament, and Queen's head.

These stones and plates will be added to the archives of the Royal Society, which already include a number of interesting plates of the early stamps of Mauritius, South Australia, and Prince Edward Island.—*London Telegraph*.

DIRECTOR RALPH'S ANNUAL REPORT.

We have received from Dr. A. R. Butler the annual report of J. E. Ralph, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. We quote two paragraphs that will be of interest to our readers:

New Revenue Stamps—The act of October 22, 1914, provides for the raising of revenue through the use of documentary, proprietary and cordial, wine, etc., stamps. 5,211,504 sheets of these stamps were delivered to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. These were the first revenue stamps printed in the bureau on offset presses, and it is pleasing to state that the stamps have been received very acceptably. The higher denominations of these stamps, few in number, were printed by the plate-printing process. The act referred to required the issue of these stamps within a short time after its passage, and it would have been impossible to produce them in time by any other than the offset process in a manner that would afford the required security together with satisfactory designs, and a considerable saving was made by the use of this process.

Scarcity of Supplies—Great difficulty was experienced during the year in procuring supplies of standard shades of certain dry colors used by the bureau, owing to the fact that the bases of these colors are materials made only in Germany. By prompt action at the beginning of the European war I procured all the available supplies in this country at prices from 100 to 200 per cent less than those at which they could later be obtained. These supplies were not sufficient for the year, however, and it was necessary to use such other materials as could be obtained and which approximated the requirements, and by mixtures of these various materials the standard shades were fairly well maintained. This

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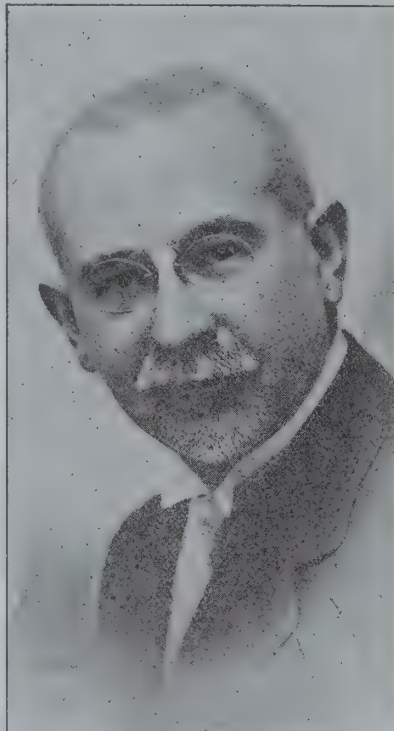
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Mr. Bartels is a writer of no mean ability and his contributions to the philatelic press have been many. He is interested in the various philatelic societies and at the present time is the president of the New York Stamp Society. We are glad of the privilege of presenting him to our readers this week.

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A BRIEF GLANCE AT SOME OF THE MORE PROMINENT FEATURES IN THE PAPER'S CAREER.

By CHARLES E. SEVERN.

A new generation of stamp collectors has arisen since the first number of the WEEKLY appeared on January 7th, 1891; and to the collector of to-day who does not concern himself with philately's past, it seems as though the paper has always existed. When the first number of the WEEKLY was distributed, thirteen hundred and six weeks ago, it was hailed as a daring and novel venture by the C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Company of St. Louis, a large corporation, but the projectors of the enterprise had every confidence in its ultimate success and expended in the aggregate

Thousands of Dollars

in firmly establishing the paper. Naturally, there were many predictions by the more conservative collectors that a weekly stamp publication could not attain permanency under conditions as they prevailed twenty-five years ago. It was not long before all philatelists were impressed by the intelligent perseverance that was manifest in the management of the paper and the general disposition was to regard the WEEKLY as a fixture.

The editor of the WEEKLY was I. A. Mekeel whose genius later had its fruition in the general publishing field; and at the time of

Mr. Mekeel's Lamentable Death

in February, 1913, he had attained a national eminence as a publisher and successful business man. One of the early contributors to the WEEKLY was C. E. Severn of Chicago and in 1894, he became the paper's Chicago correspondent. In those days, a column or so of notes each week from the different stamp centers was a feature of the paper. Several years later, business vicissitudes were encountered by the corporation that published the WEEKLY

that made a readjustment of its business necessary; and by an order of court, I. A. Mekeel became the buyer and owner of the WEEKLY. Soon, Mr. Mekeel's acumen led him to measure the advertising possibilities of the paper and he determined to launch a campaign that would thoroughly test them. He proposed to Mr. Severn that he become editor and part owner of the WEEKLY and early in 1898,

Mr. Severn's Alliance

with the WEEKLY as editor and partner was made. The paper was edited from Chicago, but published from St. Louis, and Mr. Mekeel, free to give his undivided attention to the business department, found a congenial occupation in expanding the advertising prestige of the WEEKLY.

For several years the paper flourished under these conditions, but it was not long before Scott F. Redfield of Smethport, Pennsylvania, who was publishing a weekly stamp paper at that period, merged his paper into the WEEKLY and became a part owner of the corporation which had been formed under the laws of the state of New York to conduct the WEEKLY. For a time the WEEKLY was printed at the plant of Mr. Redfield at Smethport, Pa., published by Mr. Mekeel in New York and edited by Mr. Severn in Chicago. At this period, the Boston correspondent of the WEEKLY was

Willard O. Wylie of Beverly,

Mass., and so capably did he discharge his duties that he was recommended to the notice of the owners. After Mr. Wylie had proved his ability further by planning special issues from start to finish, he was invited to become one of the corporation. In the meantime, the WEEKLY had purchased W. W. Jewett's *Weekly Philatelic Era*, an excellent publication that almost divided with the

WEEKLY the regard of the collecting public and Mr. Wylie was placed in charge of the *Era* as a separate publication. By his conduct of the *Weekly Philatelic Era*, Mr. Wylie further emphasized his fitness for philatelic newspaper work and when

The "Era" was Consolidated

with the WEEKLY, Mr. Wylie, who had bought a tenth interest in the company, was made managing editor.

The interests of Mr. Mekeel in a general publishing sense were becoming more and more important and such were the demands made upon his time by affairs of magnitude that he could not give freely of his services to the corporation, although the paper continued to hold its warm place in his affections. It was advisable to re-incorporate the company under Massachusetts laws and publish the WEEKLY from Boston under Mr. Wylie's direction; and it was at this time or in 1904 that W. W. Jewett entered into a contract with the publishers of the WEEKLY whereby he was to print the paper in his plant at Portland, Maine. From that year, the WEEKLY

Continued on its Steady Course

until early in 1913, when I. A. Mekeel was stricken suddenly with death at his home in Montclair, New Jersey, and in our memorials of Mr. Mekeel, published on that sad occasion, tribute was paid to Mr. Mekeel's genius by its beneficiary, the WEEKLY. The controlling interest in the WEEKLY then became vested in the estate of I. A. Mekeel and for over two years, affairs remained the same. Finally, Mrs. Mekeel felt that it was advisable to dispose of her holdings and the consequence was that the two hundred and fifty-one shares that she held were acquired by Messrs. Severn, Wylie and Jewett, respectively.

The Appearance of Mr. Jewett

as a member of our little family was hailed with satisfaction, as under the present ownership, each of the proprietors is an actual worker in behalf

of the WEEKLY and the hand-books that are published. Further, Mr. Jewett's dominant ability as a "boss printer" has fuller scope than ever before under the new management; and the remarkable record for typographical cleanliness that he has established in the WEEKLY will be excelled in the days to come.

Willard O. Wylie, who has distinguished himself as managing editor of the WEEKLY for eleven years, feels a greater enthusiasm than ever before in his work and he will bring all energy and enterprise to bear on the future career of the WEEKLY. Mr. Wylie's

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in connection with the company is eloquent testimony to his belief in and liking for the specialistic work.

Charles E. Severn, who as holder of half the stock of the company is president of the corporation, has grown up with the WEEKLY and knows it in every phase. His long service in the WEEKLY's cause in itself is proof that it is something of a labor of love for him to devote the most of his time to the paper's welfare.

We are confirmed in our belief that great days are in store for the WEEKLY and as evidences of the increasing usefulness of the paper become more and more apparent, we know that there will be generous recognition of the part that we are performing for the benefit of all philately; and through service of this kind, we shall have our profit.

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WITH THE TRADE.

The splendid half-page advertisement of Hugo Griebert & Co. cannot fail to attract attention. This firm is one of the highest standing and has been a steady patron of the WEEKLY. It was Mr. Griebert's intention to insert a cut illustrating the firm's premises at 170 Strand, but the prevailing restrictions were such that the necessary permission could not be obtained in time.

The Foye Stamp Co., Detroit, Mich., has commenced to take adlet space this week. The firm will be identified to many of our readers by the statement that last year it advertised in the WEEKLY under the name of the Western Stamp Co.

A series of advertisements will appear in the WEEKLY from J. C. auf der Heide of Hilversum, Holland. Our dealer friend promises to become a constant advertiser if sufficient patronage results and we commend the advertisements which will appear every other week to our readers' consideration. Mr. auf der Heide specializes in stamps, books, coins and medals and is a member of the more prominent philatelic societies, and among the number the American Stamp Dealers' Association. He has been in business thirty years and we give him a cordial welcome to our publication.

We are glad to note in this issue the wholesale advertisement of the Co-operative Exchange. We have had numerous inquiries concerning firms from whom small lots of stamps could be purchased at wholesale. This firm has just issued a large pricelist in which the advanced dealer as well as the less experienced can find something of merit.

An interesting set of countries is listed by H. W. Doscher & Co., as having been purchased from the Crocker collection. Collectors specializing in any of the countries named will find it to their interest to read carefully the advertisement found elsewhere in this issue. It was a stroke of enterprise upon the part of the firm that places it in the front ranks of the dealers.

George J. Carter has just issued a wholesale price list of large proportions and any dealer at all interested should make it a desk companion. We have deplored from time to time the lack of attention given the wholesale end of the stamp business and are pleased to encourage the efforts being put forth by some of our dealers to cater to the wholesale trade. Mr. Carter's name will be found frequently in this number. He believes in the WEEKLY as a publicity medium.

The Frank P. Brown Co. has recently purchased the well known Victoria collection of F. S. Cook, F. R. P. S. L. of this city. Excepting only the wonderful collection of Mr. Pack and Mr. Duveen, this was probably the finest lot of this country in America. It contains over 200 copies, including pairs and strips of the first issue, and nine practically complete plates of the 1854 issue. While no price is made public, we hear it was in excess of \$2,000. Our congratulations to Mr. Brown.

Even the casual reader cannot fail to note the half page advertisement of Andrew Sledd, Decatur, Ga. It is not only a striking advertisement, but the prices will certainly command attention. No page in the entire issue will be more interesting than this particular one.

The outstanding feature of this special number is the bold stroke of enterprise shown by the firm of W. C. Phillips & Co. Taking as it does the two middle pages of the sheet, the editorial department is for once ousted from its regular position. The advertisement stands out prominently and will compel the readers' inspection. In justice to the firm, we feel that we should recognize the splendid bit of coöperation shown in this piece of advertising patronage.

H. F. Colman in a letter just at hand writes:—"I must admit that my adv. of Philippine envelopes has been very suc-

cessful. I have received many more orders than I expected. I shall be more than pleased if the lot advertised this week goes as well." This reference is to the fine advertisement of U. S. Colonial envelopes found in Mr. Colman's regular position.

We have already given considerable space in the WEEKLY to exploiting the purchase of the United States portion of the Crawford collection by the Nassau Stamp Co. It was indeed a noteworthy transaction and gives the firm a leading position in the trade. Mr. Klemann has just returned from a trip to England and the many good things contained in this collection will be absorbed by United States specialists. A visit to the office of the Nassau Stamp Co. will furnish a feast of good things for anyone who delights in philatelic treasures.

St. Nicholas of New York City has been conducting a genuine publicity campaign in recent numbers of the WEEKLY, and lovers of the artistic have appreciated the splendid work done by the magazine's advertising manager and the Jewett Printing Co. This week, a fine large advertisement appears in the magazine's regular position. From the results the WEEKLY secures from advertising in St. Nicholas we can heartily recommend this magazine to stamp dealers generally as a producer of results. We desire to commend the interest taken in philately as shown in the current number. Hundreds of new collectors will be made by the publicity given stamp collecting. A neat pocket stockbook just at hand is another indication of the efforts being made to interest the subscribers of St. Nicholas to advanced philately. It behooves the dealers to encourage this splendid support of our hobby.

NEW ENVELOPES AND NEW WATER-MARKS.

Under date of December 20 official notice was sent out from the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General advising the public that the P. O. Department is about to issue a new stamped envelope bearing an embossed postage stamp of new design, the paper having a new watermark with interesting features.

We give the detailed description of the stamp and department regulations in regard to filling orders for the same, and would call attention to the section dealing with stamped envelopes. It will be noted that the relative position of the figures 1915 to the monogram will identify the mills which manufacture the paper.

The official order signed by A. M. Dockery reads in part as follows:—

"The new stamp is printed in red ink and is in the form of a circle about 1 1/16 inches in diameter. In the center is embossed the head of Washington in profile, looking to the left. The sides and upper portion of the border carry the words 'United States Postage' in white capital letters, and within the border beneath the head is the word 'cents' with the numeral '2' on each side inclosed in a small white circle.

For a while, the Department can not fill all requisitions with the new envelopes. The old embossing dies will be displaced with dies of the new design gradually, and until all of the stamping machines are equipped with the new dies, return-card envelopes bearing either the old or the new stamp will be furnished in response to the requisitions of postmasters. Unprinted envelopes bearing the old stamp will be issued by the Department until the stock on hand is exhausted.

Stamped envelopes are now produced from paper bearing new watermark designs composed of a monogram of the letters 'U S' one inch high and one-half inch wide. The year '1915' runs downward through the monogram from left to right or horizontally through the upper part of the monogram, or horizontally through the lower part of the monogram, the different positions of the year indicating the mills which manufactured the paper."

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* 1901, Prov., 3, 3, 3 & 6c	1.20	.40
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No. 40, 1c brown	.35	.15
Venezuela, No. 20a, 1c violet	.25	.10
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No. 107, 1sh blue	1.50	.65
No. 110, 1p green	.25	.10
No. 59, 4p red	.25	.10
No. 138, 1sh blue	.85	.40
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A STUDY IN VALUES.

SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY STAMPS OF NICARAGUA.

By R. J. WAGNER.

For the past two or three years, most of my stamp time has been devoted to the very popular twentieth century issues of the South and Central American countries.

In that time, I have had unusual opportunities of observing in what quantities, the various stamps come, both in lots imported direct by myself, and also in large lots coming direct to one of the largest, if not the very largest, importer of these stamps in this country and with whom I am on very close terms. The best idea of the relative scarcity of the different stamps can be obtained in this way, and not by tables of "quantities issued." If one sees dozens of copies of a certain stamp to one copy of another, and notices that this is true in each of several lots coming from different parts of the same country, he can be sure one is much scarcer, because less used, than the other, even tho the same quantity of each was issued.

It is from such observations, covering a period of several years, that I have learned the things I will point out here—these are merely my views in the matter, and later developments may cause me to change my mind.

I have seen more lots from Nicaragua than any of the other South and Central American countries, and find the new issue taking the place of the surcharged "Cordoba" issue, but not so rapidly, as one would expect. Of the new issue, the "gold basis" set (the 1/2, 1, 2 and 5c) is getting plentiful, but the other values are coming rather slowly. The 3c and 4c seem to be but little used, strips of the common values being nearly always used.

The set surcharged on the blue officials will be good, they were in use but a short time, and not all offices seemed to have a supply of them. There is an unlisted variety of the 1c on 35c, in which on the upper left hand stamp, No.

1 on the sheet has no space between the "c" and the "0.01." I do not think this occurred on all sheets, but believe it was corrected, as was the error "c010," before all were printed.

Of the "Cordoba" set, the 1/2c denominations, and the 1c on 3c, No. 314, will be much scarcer used than unused, except the 1/2c on 1p, No. 311, which is the most common, used, of this denomination. The 3c on 6c, No. 324, and No. 320, are the other scarce ones of this series, with the 2c on 20c, No. 319, the best of all.

Of the Zelaya set (on the engine type), the 1/2c on 2c, No. 325, seems to be the best of the low values, and the 6c on 1p, No. 335, the best of the higher values, except the error, No. 332, and the 1p on 5p, No. 337. All are, in my opinion, worth fully as much in postally used condition as unused, except, as I have said before the 1/2c values, numbers 312 and 313, which are much more common unused, than used.

Many of this issue will be found postmarked New Orleans. These were mailed on the boat, and cancelled at the first P. O. thru which they passed. They are interesting, but not uncommon.

The jump in the new catalog price of the set Nos. 273 to 278 was merited, as they all come very slowly, but I do not think they are where they should be, yet. All are scarcer than the catalog price would indicate. No. 252 is priced too low, while No. 253 is a real rarity.

The high values of the American Bank Note Co. set of 1909, are all cut too low, while No. 226 could stand raising, it being the scarce one, the rest of that set are about right. All the raises of the surcharged issues of 1905 to 1911, seem merited, and the prices are now about as fair a criterion of value as could be desired.

The reductions in the 1903 Zelaya set, unused, was much needed, but postally

used they are far from common. The reductions in the 1901 surcharged sets were also needed, and further cuts could be made there.

Taken as a whole, the twentieth century section of Nicaragua seems to me to be a mighty reliable and accurate price guide.

In Argentine Republic, the commemorative, No. 141, is priced much too low, while the 1p of 1908, No. 158, seems too high. No. 176 is much scarcer used postally, than unused, while the 4c of the two following sets, are the scarcest of the lower values.

In Bolivia, the 2b, No. 81, seems to be the most common of the commemorative set of 1909, in fact this one is the only one of the set I have seen in quantity, and then far from plenty. The lithographed 1c, No. 77, seems to be scarcer than the engraved, No. 70. Of the surcharged set of 1912, the 5c No. 100 seems to be the most common, the 10c No. 99, the scarcest, and the 2c and 5c of about equal scarcity, the 8c is the good value of the present 1913 set.

In Brazil, the 2,000r, No. 184, 600r, No. 189, and 1,000r, No. 191, all seem to be more common than the catalog price would indicate. All three could stand a price reduction.

In Chile, the commemorative set of 1910, the 3c, 12c and 25c are the scarcest of the lower values. If these were doubled in price, they would not be too high. The 3c sells in Chile for 4c each, the 25c at 20c each, and the 12c, No. 103, which was superseded by the 14c shortly after issue, sells there at seven times face. The 3c, which was superseded by the new 4c, and the 25c, No. 106, both sell in Chile, at over half Scott's catalog price.

Costa Rica, 6c, No. 56, is scarce postally used, while the next set seems a little more common perf. 14x14 than 11x14. All the 1911 surcharges, except possibly the 1c No. 78, 2c No. 79, 5c No. 80, and 10c No. 83, are much scarcer, postally used, than unused.

The 3c, No. 183, is the scarcest of that Ecuador set, but the entire set is good.

The 3c No. 196, of the 1911 set, seems much over-priced, and the 1912 surcharges, Nos. 200 to 203, will all be good property. No one seems to have them in quantity.

All the 1902 set of Guatemala, No. 114 to No. 123, seem over-priced, but this is not strange, as the set has been in use about 15 years, much longer than one set usually stays current in Central America. The 75c seems the good one of the set, except possibly the 2 pesos. The 50c and 1p are both very common.

In Honduras, the 1910 surcharges, Nos. 128, 129 and 130, are all good especially used. The two commemoratives, No. 139 and 140, are both scarce, no doubt both are speculative, while the recent surcharges seem priced about right. The black surcharges of 1913 seem much scarcer than the reds, and one dealer recently advertised a short time ago that the new 5c on 10c was the scarcest of them all. I get but few officials, and can form no idea of their relative scarcity.

I have had too few lots from Paraguay lately, to form any idea as to how the various values come—the same is true of Peru, but I do know that the little 4c, No. 170, is a mighty scarce stamp. It is worth all of catalog, now.

In Salvador, the catalog is mighty near right. I can see no place where it can be materially improved upon. The same can be said of Venezuela, but it is sadly off when it comes to Uruguay. The 1913 Centenario set is priced too low and the same thing can be said of the engraved series of 1910, high values, but it is in the numbers 174 to 178, 182, 183 and 196, where quotations are "off." From the prices asked abroad, and that seems to be the only place from which they can be obtained, they are worth four or five times catalog.

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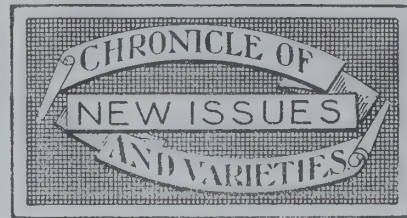
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UNITED STATES.—New envelopes are reported by J. M. Bartels, as follows:—

B.No.	Denom.	Die.	Type.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Kn.
2502A	2c	B		3	White	18	80
2510a	2c	D	v.1	9	White	18	61
2647	1c	D		5	Amber	18	87
	2c	A		.9	Amber	19	61
	1c	A		6	White	20	75 ^a
	1c	A		11	White	20	88
	2c	A		3	White	20	80
	2c	A ²		5	White	20	87
	2c	C		5	White	20	87
	2c	D	v.10	13	White	20	83
	2c	A	Wr.		Manila	21	Wr.

A letter concerning the new design for envelopes has been issued by the Post Office Department, and has already been printed in the WEEKLY.

BRAZIL.—Albert O. Tschudin also reports the current 200r stamp in the new ultramarine shade.

CUBA.—J. T. Perdomo informs us that the Havana papers of Dec. 21 announced that a new series of stamps is being prepared to take the place of the map set, and will soon be issued. As yet, the denominations, colors and design of the new stamps are not known, but it is certain they will show portraits of Cuban patriots. Pictures for engravings for the stamps have already been taken from the paintings in the private collection of Sr. Domingo Figarola Canada, Director of the National Library. Those to be reproduced in the stamps are the portraits of Narciso Lopez, Jose Marti, Antonio Maceo, Jose de la Luz, Caballero, Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, Julio Sanguily, Tomas Estrada Palma, Calixto Garcia, Ygnacio Agramonte, Salvador Cisneros Betancourt and Maximo Gomez. Srs. Palma, Lopez, Cespedes and Betancourt are to be pictured for the first time on Cuban stamps.

Some new errors on the current map set have been reported by José Gutierrez Hernandez in *El Coleccionista*, as follows: 5c, the word "CINCO" has the letters "C" and "I" joined by a thin line on the upper part. On the 2c, the following varieties: "RFPUBLICA", "CUKA", "CURA", "CLIBA", "REPUELICA", "NEPUBLICA", "DUS"

and "DRS". On the 1c stamps, there is another reading "CUEA" for CUBA. All varieties are due to imperfect cleaning of the plates.

I. C. Greene also calls attention to the fact that the new 10c stamp is in almost the same shade as the 8c map stamp of the same series, though the first is called black-brown or brown-olive and the other olive-green.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—The Sterling Stamp Co. has shown us the 1c official with red surcharge, Scott's No. 195, with an unmistakable double surcharge, one to the right and inclined downward.

JAMAICA.—A. C. Roessler informs us that a Red Cross stamp was issued about December 20, but so far as he knows, it has no postal value. Its use is permitted upon the face of letters and funds obtained are divided between the Red Cross and Aeroplane service.

JAPAN.—We are also indebted to the Sterling Stamp Co. for specimens of the Coronation stamps.

MEXICO.—Hermann Focke has shown us the new lithographed 10c stamp perforated 12 all around.

NEW ZEALAND.—A. C. Roessler reports having seen the 1/2d King George stamp overprinted "Official." The King Edward Stamps are still being printed. Mr. Roessler also submits a vertical pair of the 6d King Edward, the top stamp perforated 14 x 13 1/2, and the bottom stamp 14 x 14 1/2.

Official Adhesive.

1/2d green; King George.

RUSSIA.—A. C. Roessler sends us a couple of local stamps issued for Warsaw. They are roughly designed and printed in two colors on white wove paper, with a coarse mesh, and perforated 11 1/2. The values are expressed in "Groszy", and besides the values, the only inscriptions are "K. O. M. W." and "1915". The 10g value is printed in red with yellow background, and the 5g in very dark blue, or blue-black, with olive yellow background. The latter has been made into a provisional by having the old figures of value covered by a large "6".

SERBIA.—A. C. Roessler writes that he has been informed "from high authority" that stamps are being prepared in Berlin for use in Serbia, presumably in same style as those previously issued for Belgium and Poland. As the news has been slow in filtering through from Germany, they are probably on sale before this.

SWITZERLAND.—The Sterling Stamp Co. has shown us the new Charity stamps, which were to have been issued a year ago, but have just seen the light.

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

STAMPS OF GERMAN SOUTH WEST AFRICA

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

German South-West Africa includes the region lying between Portuguese West Africa and Cape Colony, except Walfish Bay, bounded on the west by the Atlantic Ocean and on the east by Bechuanaland. Its total area is estimated at 322,450 square miles and its population of some 200,000 includes about 5,000 whites. Before 1884 it was somewhat generally believed that this territory would ultimately form part of Rhodesia and was in fact a legitimate sphere for the future development of that British colony. Some of the small coast islets and the district on the mainland around Walfish Bay were occupied and officially recognised as British territory. Walfish Bay, an enclave in the German possessions, remains a dependency of Cape Colony and its importance as a naval station may be understood from the fact that it is the only sheltered outlet for a region of 400,000 square miles extending from Angola to the Cape and inland to Rhodesia.

Undeterred by the above facts an enterprising Bremen merchant, Herr Adolf Luderitz, bought from native chiefs on April 9th, 1883, the Bay of Angra Pequena for a consideration of 200 rifles and 2000 marks (\$500.00). Shortly afterwards he concluded treaties with other chiefs whereby he obtained control of vast districts in the interior between Orange River and Cape Frio. On August 7th, 1884, the German flag was hoisted at Angra Pequena and on the 24th day of the same month a German protectorate was proclaimed over the whole region with the exception of the portion around Walfish Bay which had already been pre-empted by Great Britain. At first the new colony was known as Luderitzland, in honor of the merchant who was primarily responsible for its acquisition, but the name was shortly afterwards changed to German South-West Africa. After the usual protest and diplomatic wrangling, Germany's claim to the territory was duly recognised and boundaries were finally settled with Great Britain and Portugal by conventions in 1884, 1886 and 1890.

In his article in *Gibbons Stamp Weekly*, Mr. Barnsdall gives a number of interesting facts which I cannot do better than quote in full:

The acquisition of Angra Pequena is an interesting point in the history of European colonization. It was the first annexation made by Germany beyond Europe, the foundation stone, so to speak, of her colonial empire which has since developed with such surprising rapidity.

The country comprises the ill-defined territories of Ovampo, Damaraland and Great Namaqualand, and was long supposed to be a shady waste with no natural resources beyond its inaccessible mineral wealth. This is true only of Namaqualand, probably the most thinly-peopled and unproductive district of any of equal extent on the surface of the globe. Ovampo is fertile and suited to agricultural pursuits, while Damaraland is pastoral. Here are a few ostrich farms, and a beginning has been made with the cultivation of cotton, tobacco and vines. The chief industry is undoubtedly pastoral, and large herds and flocks of cattle and sheep belong to the natives. There is little agriculture but market gardening is common, a great variety of vegetables and fruit being grown. Copper has been found at Ovampo, and mining is carried on at Otavi and Tsumeb, both of which places are connected by railway with Swakopmund, the chief port. The natives understand the art of smelting and manufacture excellent ware. Diamonds are said to exist in the neighbourhood of Gibeon. Gold has been found, but not in sufficient quantity for working, and marble, asbestos, graphite, and other minerals have been observed.

In 1844, some Boers established themselves in the Ondango district, and founded Upingtonia in honor of the well-known statesman of Cape Colony. Though the district was fertile and well watered the climate was malarious, and the Republic gradually decayed. After the murder of the leader, Mr. Jordan, in 1886, it collapsed, and the Boer settlers accepted the German protectorate.

The natives are Bantu in the north, and Hottentot in the south. In Damara or Herero land there has been a continuous struggle for supremacy between the two races. Here under the "civilizing" agencies of European luxury (drink, etc.) the natives are gradually dying out, and when they have sufficiently thinned down it is the intention to introduce white settlers. It is to Damaraland that the colony looks for its future prospects, as in the other parts the natives quite hold their own against foreign invasion. There have been serious native revolts against the Germans, especially in 1904, when the Hottentots in Namaqualand and the Hereros in Damaraland united, and progress was in consequence greatly delayed.

The capital is Windhoek, 237 miles inland, connected by railway with the chief port Swakopmund, north of Walfish Bay. This port is likely to become useful with artificial aid. Other ports and important towns are Sandwich Haven; Omaruru, the chief market of the Hereros; Angra Pequena, with good anchorage but little use, lying in a barren district, destitute of fresh water; Otyimbingue, Okahandja, Gobabis and Keetmanshoop. There are no towns in the interior, only a few missionary stations and trading places. Postal communication, as in all German possessions, is well looked after, and between thirty and forty different postmarks are known.

THE FIRST ISSUE.

The first stamps issued in the colony consisted of the 3, 5, 10 and 20pf values of the 1889 issue of Germany surcharged "Deutsch-Sudwest-Afrika" in two lines reading diagonally upwards from the left lower corner. The 25pf and 50pf of the same series were also overprinted and though a number were sent to the Postal Union headquarters at Berne these values were never issued for postal use and none were ever sent to the colony. These unissued varieties are not particularly rare and can generally be purchased for about \$2 each.

Reference List.

1897. German stamps of 1889 surcharged in black.

1. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 1.
2. 5pf green, Scott's No. 2.
3. 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 3.
4. 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 4.

THE SECOND ISSUE.

The 1897 issue had been in use but a little while when it was decided to make a slight change in the form of the overprint. The second line was made into one word "Sudwestafrika" to more closely harmonise with the German liking for long, unweildly words. At first the 3pf, 5pf, 10pf, 20pf and 50pf values were issued the chief Postmaster of the colony not ordering the 25pf as it was found that value was in little or no demand. However, on November 1st, 1899, a supply of 1000 stamps (ten sheets) of the 25pf was received at Windhoek and sold on that day only. Writing in *Filatelie Facts and Fallacies* in 1901, Mr. Sellschopp gives an entertaining account of the history of this short-lived stamp as follows:

It appears that as there was naturally very little call for a stamp of this

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Another Special Offering

United States and Colonies

The following stamps are in good to fine condition, unless otherwise indicated. Unused copies for the most part have original gum; but this is not guaranteed. As this is a special offering, I cannot send on approval; but I shall cheerfully refund remittance in full and at once, if you are not satisfied with your purchase for any reason. Look over the list, select what you need, remit by check or money order: and remember that I guarantee to please you, or refund your money.

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UNITED STATES AND COLONIES.

1. UNITED STATES.

No. 28, used\$1.25
On cover1.50
29, used3.50
On cover	.....3.75
Horizontal pair,	
one cut at top	.....13.50
Another pair, fine	.....25.00
33, unused	......45
34, used, close	.....3.00
35, used, close	......50
51, unused	.....1.25
63, unused, shades	......35
65c, unused	.....2.50
68, or 68a, unused	......90
69, unused	.....1.25
Used	......30
71, unused	.....1.50
72, used	.....1.25
73, unused	......30
75, used, dgd.	......75
76, used	......25
77, unused	.....3.00
Used	......25
78, unused	.....1.25
86, used	......65
87, unused	.....1.25
88, unused	.....1.50
89, used	......40
90, unused	.....3.75
91, used	......90
92, unused	.....1.60
93, unused	......60
94, unused	......40
95, used	.....1.50
97, used	......30
99, unused, off ctr.	.....8.00
100, used	.....1.25
102, unused	.....3.10
112, unused	......50
113, unused	......30
114, unused	......30

No. 115, unused	.....1.25
116, unused	.....2.25
117, unused	.....1.25
119, unused	.....1.90
120, unused	.....5.00
Used	.....2.60
121, unused	.....5.50
123, unused	.....2.00
124, unused	.....2.25
125, used	.....4.25
126, unused	.....3.75
145, unused	.....1.00
146, unused	......45
147, unused	......60
148, unused	.....1.00
149, unused	.....1.85
150, unused	.....2.25
151, unused, thin	.....1.50
152, unused	.....1.30
Used	......20
153, unused, poor	.....2.00
155, unused, off ctr.	.....2.25
156, unused	......30
158, unused	......30
Blk. 4, unused	.....1.25
159, unused	......80
160, used	......25
161, or a, unused	.....1.50
165, used	......25
166, used	......75
178, unused	......65
179, unused	......90
184, unused	......15
185, unused	......65
186, unused	.....1.00
189, unused	......20
190, unused	......65
205, unused, shades	......15
208, unused, shades	......90
220a, used	.....2.50

A lot of 60, unused, between 209 and 230, cat. \$15., face \$4.00\$5.00

Another lot of 100, unused from 230 on, and including Special Delivery and part perforates, cat. \$24.00, face \$9.00\$10.00

Another lot of Officials and Locals, mostly unused, cat. \$90.00\$18.50

Postal Savings, first issue, 1, 2 and 10c, at 10c per set; or ten sets for 80 cents.

2. Confederate States.

No. 88, unused	......35
97, on piece cover	.....2.50
104, unused	.....1.25
105, unused	.....1.25
106, fine used	.....1.00
202, on piece	.....1.25
Seven copies, cat. \$3.75, for \$1.40.	

3. GUAM.

No. 1, unused	......15
2, unused	......07
4, unused	......45
Blk. 4, unused	.....1.75
5, unused	......16
8, unused	......35
9, unused	......45
Blk. 4, unused	.....1.75
101, unused	......45

4. HAWAII.

No. 6, unused	.....5.00
9a, unused	......90
Blk. 4, unused	.....4.00
19, unused	.....8.50
20, unused	.....11.50
21, un'd, thin spot	.....6.50
24, unused	.....2.75
26, unused	.....5.00
27, unused	.....4.50
29, unused	.....1.25
30, unused or used	......10
Mint sheet of 50	.....5.50
Blk. 4, mint	......45
31, unused	......25
Used	......12
32, unused	......45
Used	......25
33, unused or used	......20
Blk. 4, unused	......90
34, unused	......90
Used	......40
Blk. 4, unused	.....3.75
34a, unused	......15
Blk. 4, unused	......60
35, unused	......07
Blk. 4, unused	......30
37, unused	......04
Blk. 4, unused	......20
38, unused	......25
Used	......10
Blk. 4, unused	.....1.00
39, unused	......30
Used	......03
40, unused or used	......40
Blk. 4, unused	.....1.50
41, unused	.....1.00
Used, poor	......03
42, unused or used	......03
Blk. 4, unused	......15

No. 43, unused	......15
Used	......03
44, unused	......50
Used	......05
45, unused	......40
46, unused	......75
Blk. 4, unused	.....3.25
47, unused	.....1.20
Used	.....1.00
48, used, torn	.....1.00
49, unused	.....5.00
Used	.....3.25
50, unused or used	......15
51, unused	......25
Blk. 4, unused	.....1.00
Mint sheet of 15	.....4.25
52, unused	......04
Blk. 4, unused	......20
52b, unused	......50
Blk. 4, unused	.....2.25
Used singles	......75
53 or 54, unused	......07
Blk. 4, unused	......30
55, unused or used	......02
Blk. 4, unused	......10
56, unused	......10
Blk. 4, unused	......45
57, unused or used	......04
Blk. 4, unused	......20
58, unused	......15
59, unused	......07
Blk. 4, unused	......30
60, unused	......15
61, unused or used	......18
Blk. 4, unused	......60
62, unused	......20
Blk. 4, unused	......80
63, unused	.....1.75
Blk. 4, unused	.....7.50

No. 64, unused	......50
Blk. 4, unused	.....2.20
65, unused	.....1.10
Blk. 4, unused	.....5.00
68, unused	......15
Blk. 4, unused	......65
69, unused	.....5.00
71, unused	......20
Blk. 4, unused	......85
72, unused	......70
Blk. 4, unused	.....2.75
74, unused or used	......02
Blk. 4, unused	......08
75, unused	......03
Blk. 4, unused	......12
76, unused	......07
Blk. 4, unused	......30
77, unused	......15
Blk. 4, unused	......60
78, unused	......20
Blk. 4, unused	......80
79, unused	......35
Blk. 4, unused	.....1.40
80, unused	......02
Blk. 4, unused	......08
81, unused	......03
Blk. 4, unused	......12
82, unused	......08
Blk. 4, unused	......35
101-106, unused	.....2.80
Of numbers 74-82 I can supply large blocks, and sheets of some items.	
As these stamps become too few for further advertising, I will put them in small packets, cat. \$3.50 to \$5.00 at \$1.00 per packet. They will prove good value.	

5. PHILIPPINES AND PORTO RICO.

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ANDREW SLEDD, Jr., S. P. A. 1649, Decatur, Ga.

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United States Telegraph Stamps. "Mc Cann Can."

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12c FRANKLIN DOUBLE TRANSFER.

By KARL A. PEMBER.



Some time ago I found a slight double transfer or shifted die in a copy of the 12c Franklin. This led me to look for more and the search was rewarded by some very fine examples of "shift". Some copies show the shift more than others. All of the copies show a double line under Franklin's bust (No. 1 in cut), others show double lines in the shading of Franklin's coat (No. 3), others a double line at top of the white letters "CENTS" in the label (No. 2), others double lines in the oak leaf ornaments at the sides, and still others various combinations of all the above shifts, and a few show all the above.

These occur in an early plate which I understand is now destroyed. Used copies are not hard to find in looking over a lot of twelves, but the unused copies are pretty well out of stock at the post offices according to recent inquiries. Most of the examples that I have found have been in the upper left pane of the sheet which contains nearly sixty doubles. I have also found a few in the lower left pane of 100.

U. S. Rev. Cat. \$1.00 for 8c. Ask for 1c app. F.R. HOLLOWAY, 170 Park Pl., Akron, O. [tf]

British Colonials—Mint or Used. "Mc Cann Can."

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Free! Set N.Y. State Rev.—China to app. appl. Gary Stamp Co., 2628 S. Hamlin Ave., Chicago, Ill. [06]

100 Foreign Revenues, mostly South Americans, cataloguing above five francs, for 25c. Alfred Lechner, 1202 Lexington Av., N.Y.C. [08*

Good Guatemala stamps, 20 diff., .25; 30 diff., .50; 50 diff., \$1.00; post. 5c. Exchange for Asia, Africa, Brit. Cols. FERNANDO GENE, Guatemala City, Guat. [08*

Blocks-of-Four. Mint or Used. "Mc Cann Can."

40 Var. South & Cent. Americans, Cat. 86c. Net 25c. My net price app. contain (A) U. S. (B) foreign, (C) War issues. Dealer's ref. M. Pokorny, 901 Clinton St., Hoboken, N.J. [06]

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Over 8000 stamp collectors read this paper. They will read your adv. as you read this.

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U. S. 15c orange, No. 152, 35c. BERT DEGRUSH, 49 Withington St., Dorchester, Mass.

Wells-Fargo Frank on 2c Columbian Entire Unused 25c. Burt Mc Cann, 321 No. Newton, Minneapolis, Minn.

Parcel Post dues 5, 10, 25c used, 52c. French Red Cross, 20 diff. colonies unused, \$1. Bermuda No. 45, cat. 12c, 6c. Cuba specials, 3 diff., 21c. J. N. CLARKSON, JR., Ridgewood, N. J.

U. S. Red-Back, Stamp with distinctly reddish tinge, 3c violet, unused, well-centered, each 5c. A. C. ROESSLER, E. Orange, N.J. *

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High grade approvals at 50% discount Premium pkt. Canadian stamps cat. 50c to get acquainted. Reference necessary. S. I. FARMER, 470 Craig St., Winnipeg, Canada. [07]

Mc Cann Can Vest Pocket Watermark Detector 5c. Burt Mc Cann, 321 No. Newton, Minneapolis, Minn.

100 Foreign Stamps, all diff., in Approval Book, 12c. M. CASPER, 1884 7th Ave., N.Y.C.

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German South-West Africa.

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denomination, the local postmaster in the colony had not ordered it from Berlin, and the colony was entirely without this stamp. In order to create an absolutely unnecessary variety and in order further to make himself important, the purchasing agent for a large German society orders from the authorities 800 of these stamps which had no existence, at the same time notifying the Berlin authorities of the fact so that from Berlin the necessary number of this new stamp could be sent to Africa. It seems that this peculiar method was the usual one with all the more distant and less important colonies, like Marianen, Karolinen, Marshall Islands, etc. At the post-offices of these colonies comparatively few stamps were kept on hand, and orders of any large size were only filled, if at about the same time such order, by request of the ordering party had been sent out from Berlin.

Well, the 25pf stamps reached Southwest Africa to the number of 1000, with the same mail the letter to Mr. O., the purchasing agent arrived; but either the party addressed did not call at once at the office, or the letter was not promptly attended to in some other way. Somebody else got wind of the 1000 25pf stamps, and promptly

Yep. Crazy as a loon—but "Ish ka Bible" better send for a selection before they lock me up. "Mc Cann Can."
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"Mc Cann Can."

bought the whole lot. A very large proportion of these rarities reached Germany on registered letters addressed to one post-office employé in Hamburg, and indirectly found their way into collectors' hands, naturally at pretty stiff figures, from about 6 to 10 or 12 marks each. Mr. O., the creator of this stamp was furious, and finds that it relieves his feelings by airing his disappointment in the German philatelic press, accusing various good people in various ways because they got the stamps that he ordered, and made the profit that he or his society had hoped for.

Reference List.

1898-99. German stamps of 1889 surcharged in black.

5. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 7.
6. 5pf green, Scott's No. 8.
7. 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 9.
8. 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 10.
9. 25pf orange, Scott's No. 11.
10. 50pf red-brown, Scott's No. 12.

THE THIRD ISSUE.

In 1900, in common with the other German possessions, the colony of German South-west Africa was supplied with the new stamps of the ship type. These call for no special mention so we have only to record the various values and colors.

Reference List.

1900. No Wmk. Perf. 14.
11. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 13.
 12. 5pf green, Scott's No. 14.
 13. 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 15.
 14. 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 16.
 15. 25pf black and red on yellow, Scott's No. 17.
 16. 30pf black and orange on buff, Scott's No. 18.
 17. 40pf black and carmine, Scott's No. 19.
 18. 50pf black and purple on buff, Scott's No. 20.
 19. 80pf black and carmine on rose, Scott's No. 21.
 20. 1 mark carmine, Scott's No. 22.
 21. 2 marks blue, Scott's No. 23.
 22. 3 marks violet, Scott's No. 24.
 23. 5 marks black and red, Scott's No. 25.

THE FOURTH ISSUE.

In May, 1906, the 5 mark value of the previous set appeared on the paper watermarked lozenges which had been introduced for the Imperial stamps in the previous year. In August, the 5pf value was issued to be followed in February and May of 1907 by the 10pf and 3pf respectively. No other denominations were issued until 1911 when the 20pf, 1m and 2m were placed on sale. In 1913, the 25pf and 30pf appeared and since then no others have been issued.

Reference List.

- 1906-11. Wmk. lozenges. Perf. 11.
24. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 26.
 25. 5pf green, Scott's No. 27.
 26. 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 28.
 27. 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 29.
 28. 25pf black and red on yellow, Scott's No. 30.
 29. 30pf black and orange on buff, Scott's No. 31.
 30. 1 mark carmine, Scott's No. 35.
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CHILE 1892, 15, 25c, 1p Catalog .18
*COSTA RICA 1889, 1c to 1p " .28
DENMARK-NORWAY, packet 50 all diff.
DOMIN. REPUB. 1906, 1 on 4, 1 on 10, 2 on 5c Catalog .68
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"GAMBIA", book by R. E. R. Dalwick.
"GRENADA", by Seft.
"HAWAII", book by Luff-Howes-Catalogs.
*HAYTI, 1898 Unpaid, 2, 5, 10c Catalog .22
" 1896, 1, 3, 5, 7, 20c palms " .30
*HONDURAS 1891, 2, 5, 10 pesos. " .30
" 1890, 25c-1p, 6 var. " .32
" 1891, 25c-3p, 8 var. " .38
" 1892, 1c-1p, comp. " .37
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I had known Barton Mack as a boy and man; for he was from my home town. Unfortunately for him, he had not outgrown the illiberalism of youth. Our free full life did not appeal to him; and, besides, he was cursed with a certain aloofness which he could not overcome, and this, of itself, prevented the "mixing" essential to proper understanding of men and manners in the West. I had done my best but gave him up as hopeless a fortnight before. I couldn't even interest him in stamps. This morning he passed the shack, afoot, his face studiously set against me. I did not hail him, and my delinquency was strong on my conscience. When the sting of it was just taking hold, the inevitable cloud of dust appeared. It was a minute later that Jimmy O. threw himself from his petted cow-pony, hurtled his way up the path to the hammock, flopped into it, and delivered himself of the single phrase, "By heck!" that expressed for him sometimes grief, sometimes anger. Then he laughed.

"Say! It sure would get you! That old cow-puncher, Jack Frazer, 's got an auto—I see him stickin' the spurs into it an' yellin' 'whoa! whoa!' as he went up Mac Donald street, me wavin' my Scotch plaid at him an' yellin' fit to bust my lungs. I sure near got pinched by that new marshal, only the boys kidded him to a finish. An' Philmets, too—he's got an auto. Criminy Jims! Next we know, you'll be gettin' yours out, an' Jonny'll be buyin' one, an' the hull range'll smell o' gasoline, an'—"

Jimmy was out of breath. He rolled a cigarette, and looked quizzically at me, for my auto was taboo. I had bought "Doc" Palmer's one-lunger discard, which "Doc" declared would really go without the aid of horses, got stuck on the desert seven miles from home, and was towed ignominiously into town by two gleeful cowboys, one of whom insisted upon relieving me at the steering wheel. After that experience, I carefully locked the one-lunger in the shed and tinkered with it off and on. It had its fits and starts of going, but the fits predominated.

All of which is a stage aside.

"Anyway," resumed Jimmy, from the obscurity of cigarette smoke, "since Frevor Moore went 'hover 'ome' after sellin' his rancho to good ole Johnny Williams, an' ole Eddy Fyne's foreman, an' the red-headed girl in the postoffice is properly roped an' tied to her puncher choice—thereby deprivin' me of my light through life, I say, friend o' mine—"

Jimmy stopped, looking expectantly down the path. Barton Mack was passing once more, reading a letter. He looked up, smiled, spoke, and passed on. Jimmy turned to me again.

"It's a bum bully old world, an' we like it lots. But me—well, breathe it not—or at least gentle-like, I'm goin' back to college—Engineering fer mine."

I looked incredulous.

"Yes; I shall resume my studies and my English undefiled. This tranquil life has no further charms for me. Dad has issued his call to the wild—and I have heard it."

When Jimmy sloughed his range language I knew it was generally serious. This time it was fatal.

"Before I soak up education I'm continuin' human," declared Jimmy, with his whimsical smile. "Meantime, who's your friend?"

I told poor Mack's history from the cradle to the verge of the grave.

"And, Jimmy," I said in closing, "if there's anything you can do—anything you can think up to interest him, do it. It'll save his life."

Jimmy smoked and blew rings for an hour while I read the WEEKLY, small ads and all. Then he broke the silence.

"Speakin' of autos, what'll you take fer yours?"

"Jimmy," I said, sadly, "if you weren't a friend of mine I'd give it to you."

"Nope. I'll lease it," declared Jimmy.

So, for the sum of one dollar, to make it legal, Jimmy O. leased a certain Cadillac one-lunger, which I warranted not to go, and I further loaned him the use of tools and shop—garage, Jimmy insisted on calling it—for the same period. Jimmy took possession at once, and I started into the mountains that afternoon, to delve amongst some prehistoric dwellings.

Three weeks later I came into town, brown, unshaven, my clothing in rags, but rich with precious specimens of other days. A familiar chug-chug struck my ear, and behold! up the main street of Willow went my old one-lunger, Barton Mack at the wheel, Jimmy beside him.

"The holy pride of parenthood's in their systems," explained Jack Frazer, whom I encountered on the bank corner.

An hour later Jimmy came up the old path to the waiting hammock, dug up "the makin's" and when properly obscured, explained:

"You see, I knowed that boy was plumb dyin' fer somethin' to occupy his twenty-four hours, only eight of which he had to sleep in, so I thinks o' your auto. That'd keep anybody busy. Sure!"

I nodded approval.

"Then I milled around till eatin' time, an' follered 'em in to the chink's. Jack was there—an' Phil—an' Bart—all lookin' solemn as a Pima on parade. Me—I felt some swelled up."

"Hello!" I says. "Where's your auto, Jack?"

"Shop," says Jack, sour like.

"Broke a laig, Jack? You sure'll have to shoot it," I says. Bart snickered—fer the first time since he left home, I bet.

"Jack had to grin, an' he says: 'Well, ole scout, wait till you get one!'"

"Then Jack started to eat his soup, but I cooled it for him. I says:

"Me? Oh, I got one, now."

"Jimmy looked at me quizzically.

"But I won't repeat the language them two ole bachelors used up on me when they found it was Doc's—er—former patient. But say! the kid—Bart—he flares up an' butts in; says that auto was made in his ole town—Detroit-fer-Mine—nothin' to beat it, even if it was old and honest—an' he 'lowed he'd make it go if I'd let him. Say! He showed as much interest as an over-due mortgage, an' we fed 'im plenty."

"We never stopped fer pie, even, but hit it fer the garage. Say, if there's anythin' in mechanics Bart don't know, shoot me! He had to disembowel that auto an' for four days I was cleaning parts. Then he gets busy an' assembles. Go? You seen us!"

Jimmy swung back and forth, the joy of conquest in his soul. Up the path came Barton Mack, color in cheeks, and eyes alight with interest, with a warm clasp of the hand, he said:

"Can't thank you enough. If it hadn't been for 'Old Faithful' and Jimmy, here, I'd ended everything three weeks ago. Now I'll get well—the Doctor tells me so—I'll get all I needed was to take interest—"

"He's renewed the mortgage," interrupted Jimmy, from his obscurity.

"And I love the country and the people—and the family is coming out to spend the Winter!"

Mack was happy as a boy. He had arrived!

"One of his sisters collects stamps," added Jimmy, "an' she's goin' to bring 'em with her. She's got Monaco complete, shades an' all, an' two copies o' the five francs, first issue, Bart tells me. She specializes in Monaco, he says."

"She'll give you one of them sure, Jimmy," declared Mack. "I'll make her."

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(CHAPTER III—Continued.)

Bi-sected stamps were not used in Canada to anything like the same extent that similar varieties were used in the other British North American provinces. The 6d is catalogued as having been divided diagonally and the halves used as 3d stamps, though there can have been no real necessity for such bi-section. A bi-sected stamp of quite another character was mentioned in the *Monthly Journal* for April, 1898, as follows:—

The *Post Office* describes a so-called "split provisional" of the early 3d stamp, which is described as consisting of one and a half of the unperforated 3d on wove, upon an entire envelope postmarked "Port Hope, July 16th, 1855, Canada, Paid 10c." Our contemporary does not appear to perceive that the postmark plainly indicates that the supposed half stamp is really only a badly cut copy; the 3d of Canada passed for 5 cents, and as this letter is plainly marked "Paid 10c", the stamps upon it evidently passed as two 3d, not as one and a half, which would have corresponded to no rate of postage.

The same journal, two months later, made more extended reference to this variety and while its bona-fides as a "split" is established its use as a half stamp is as much a mystery as ever. We cannot do better than give the paragraph in full:—

In the New Issues column of our number for April, we called in question the character of a supposed "split" three pence stamp of Canada, which had been chronicled in the *Post Office*, New York. In reply to our criticism, Messrs. Morgenthau & Co., the publishers of that magazine, have most kindly forwarded to us the letter bearing the divided stamp, and have requested our opinion upon it. The specimen is such a curious one and presents, we think, such a puzzle for philatelists, that we have taken the liberty—which we hope its owner will pardon—of having a photographic block made from it, and we give a full size illustration, showing both the

stamps and the postmarks, herewith. As our readers may perceive, we were quite wrong in suggesting that the "split" stamp was merely a badly cut copy, as it appears to have been carefully bi-sected diagonally and to have been intended to pass as a half stamp, making up, with the entire stamp to which it is attached, a rate of 4½d. If this were all, though the specimen would be a great rarity—indeed, we believe it to be unique—it would not be necessarily a great puzzle to us. It is true that we do not know of any 4½d rate in Canada, and there never was a 4½d stamp in use there; but still, such a rate might have existed, although there was no possible means of making it up except by the use of at least three ½d stamps; but the puzzling part about this letter is that it is addressed from Port Hope in Canada to New York, the single rate from Canada to the United States was 10 cents; the letter is marked "CANADA—PAID 10 Cts." by the side of the stamps, and that rate was six-pence in Canadian currency. The whole document appears to us to be perfectly genuine and bona-fide; we have examined it with a skeptical mind and a powerful magnifying glass, and we can only say that if it is a "fake" it is wonderfully well done. On the other hand, if it is genuine, the half stamp must have done duty as a whole one, because it certainly took two 3d stamps to make up the 10 cents rate. The puzzle remains a puzzle to us, but we are grateful to Messrs. Morgenthau for their courteous reply to what may have appeared a captious criticism.

Reference List.

1851. Engraved and printed by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, New York, on laid or wove paper. Imperforate.
1. 3d vermilion, Scott's No. 1 or No. 4.
2. 6d violet, Scott's No. 2 or No. 5.
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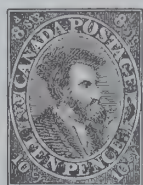
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also mentions the possibility of additions to the meagre set of three values then current, viz.:—

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In the Postmaster-General's fourth annual report, issued in the following year, the above recommendation was adopted so far as the 10d value was concerned, for we read:—

To promote the general convenience of the public in prepaying letters to the United Kingdom at the new rate, postage stamps of the value of 10d currency, equal to 8d sterling, were procured, and issued to the public.



According to documentary evidence unearthed by Messrs. King and Howes the plate for this value was made, and the first stamps were printed from it during the last quarter of 1854, for in the Post Office accounts for that period the item, "Rawdon, Wright & Co., Making Stamps, £42:18:6," appears. According to another list compiled from official sources the stamps did not reach Canada until January 2nd, 1855, and though we know of no official document bearing on the actual date of issue, or of any very early dated cover, in view of the fact that the stamps represented a denomination for which there was an urgent demand, it is only reasonable to suppose that this 10d value was placed on sale some time during the month of January, 1855.

Mr. King states that this value was printed in sheets of 100 stamps, arranged in ten horizontal rows of ten, and with the manufacturers' imprint shown eight times on the margins, as in the case of the three stamps previously issued. Mr. Howes, however, is of the opinion that these 10d stamps

were printed in sheets of 120, 10 rows of twelve each, like the 7 1/2d value issued later, and in support of his theory points out that the quantities delivered in the first supply (100,080) and second supply (72,120) are exactly divisible by 120 into 834 and 601 full sheets respectively, whereas neither of these numbers is divisible by 100 into an even number of complete sheets. In view of the absence of positive evidence in the shape of an entire sheet or full horizontal row of stamps, it must be admitted that there is much to be said in favor of Mr. Howes' theory. It will be noted the stamps have the values expressed in English currency, and the almost universal rule for stamps printed with values in shillings or pence, has been sheets of 60, 120, or 240 owing to the fact that with such an arrangement reckoning in this currency is greatly simplified.

The design corresponds in its general appearance to the 6d and 12d of 1851 though the portrait in the central oval is of Jacques Cartier, the discoverer of Canada. In the 'eighties there was some little discussion regarding the portrait on this 10d stamp some claiming it was not intended to represent Cartier, but Sebastian Cabot. A writer on the *Halifax Philatelist* for 1888 says: "It is identically the same as all the existing portraits of Jacques Cartier, and totally unlike those existing of Sebastian Cabot. The style of dress and the way the beard is worn is that of the sixteenth century, instead of the fifteenth. There is a very rare and old print of Sebastian Cabot, taken from the original painting in the possession of Charles Jost Harford, Esq., in the Legislative Library at Halifax, and anything more dissimilar to the face on the 10 pence stamp cannot be imagined." The official notice announcing the issue of the stamp, to which we have already referred, makes no mention of the design at all but the portrait is undoubtedly that of Cartier and Mr. Howes tells us that the original is a "three-quarter length portrait in the Hotel de Ville at St. Malo, France, the birthplace of Cartier." Jacques Cartier was born at St. Malo, as stated above, in 1491. In 1534 he sailed with two small vessels on a voyage of discovery, touching at Newfoundland, and discovering New Brunswick. In a second voyage (1535-6) he explored the St. Lawrence, and took possession of the land he discovered in the name of Francis I of France. He made a third voyage in 1541 and died in 1557.

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By H. F. KOHR.

The first of the new envelopes, recently announced by the Postoffice Department were placed on sale December 20, according to A. M. Dockery, Third Assistant Postmaster General. This was size 5 on white.

In answer to an inquiry, Mr. Dockery wrote as follows:

"The other envelopes listed in the price sheet will be issued from time to time as the necessary embossing dies are completed and placed in use, but the dates of future issues have not been fixed.

"As to the suggestion that some of the varieties of stamped envelopes might be discontinued, I beg to say that seven of them were dropped under the new contract effective July 1, 1915. The public demand for the remaining envelopes was sufficient to warrant their continuance, but others will be dropped in future if conditions justify it."

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It would appear also that there are to be three varieties of watermark in the new issue. Only watermarks with 1915 across the top or diagonally across the design have been seen by the writer. It is to be hoped that the multiplicity of die varieties will be avoided in the new issue. Not counting knife varieties, the last issue, including the varieties on the new paper, total, as the writer remembers the figures, more than 600 varieties.

U. S. ON UNWATERMARKED PAPER.

A Washington correspondent advises us that U. S. stamps are now being printed on unwatermarked paper. This is certainly interesting news. Will our readers be on the lookout for this paper? The information comes from a reliable source.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

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—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Lionel Arnold and H. W. Boers.

—Arthur Lacey, who is playing in "Ruggles of Red Gap," at the Fulton Theatre, New York, would be glad to hear from any actor stamp collector. W. Harris, who publishes "Who's Who in Philately" has written him asking if he can give a list of such collectors.

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EDITORIAL.

Heavy Haul.—The colossal theft at St. Paul of "negotiable revenue stamps" to the value of one million dollars, as reported so sensationally in the daily press, starts a train of thought in the minds of those who have been watching the course of current revenue stamps. Will the authorities take any steps to invalidate the stamps that comprised the booty? Or has the loss been exaggerated so greatly that measures of the kind would not be justified on the score of time, inconvenience and expense? One may indulge in some speculation on the subject even though any eventualities may be wholly at variance with preconceived ideas. As for the negotiability of the loot, we can imagine easier things to dispose of than unused documentary stamps, the offering of which, alone could be construed into a suspicious circumstance. It is safe to say that no stamp dealer even though he be "without the pale" would act as an intermediary in marketing the spoils; and as for the dealers that we know, they will be gunshy of any unused revenues that may be seen looming up in the distance.

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Nothing Serious.—Several readers have called our attention to a newspaper clipping that declared that it was illegal for any person to charge more than face value for unused United States stamps or post office price for U. S. envelopes. This question is a recurrent one and there was a time when some novelty attached to a discussion of it on the theory of its effect on the stamp business, if its limitations were construed literally. Section 2 of the Act of 1855 ruled: "That it shall not be lawful for any post master or other person to sell any postage stamp or stamped envelope for any larger sum than that indicated upon the face of such postage stamp . . ." The penalty provided for a violation of the act was a fine of not less than ten or more than five hundred dollars. The law was passed at a date before philately had

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The Right Spirit.—Here is an observation that we commend for favorable consideration by the stamp auction folks. To act upon the suggestion of our correspondent would be a graceful recognition of the claims to priority of the bidder who is at a disadvantage in comparison with the one who personally is present at the sale. However, it must be admitted that occasionally, the bidder who represents the out-of-town buyer is beaten to his limit, notwithstanding his nicety of calculation and despite his care; but if our correspondent's plan is adopted, an occasional exception will be tolerated: "As a result of repeated experiences in bidding at auction sales during the past few months, I have noticed that lots have been sold at my bid price but somebody else invariably got the stamp. Would it be out of the way to suggest with reference to auction sales that out of town bidders who do not have the privilege of seeing and examining the various lots be given the preference and that should the floor bidder want the lot, he should pay five or ten cents more for it than the mail bidder."

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Staggering.—From Mr. Lewis A. McArthur, Portland, Oregon, we have received a chapter of revelations as follows: "It may interest your readers to know that documentary revenue stamps are now being used in Portland in place of wines and cordials stamps, the supply of the green stamps apparently having been exhausted. Oregon and Washington will swing into the dry column on January 1; and in Oregon particularly, many old acquaintances of J. Barleycorn are laying in a supply of wet goods in anticipation of the long drought ahead. This procedure has resulted in a great quantity of wines and liquors having been put on the market, with sales so large that the local supply of green wines and cordials stamps has been depleted; and consequently, documentary stamps are being used. I cannot learn authoritatively that the government has sold the red stamps with instructions to use them on bottles but there are a considerable number of the red documentary in use on bottles; and I have seen the two and four cent denominations so affixed. The question now presents it-

self as to how these original covers are to be collected. Are we to keep the 'package' and all? Perhaps we shall line a shelf in the den with a row of 'dead soldiers' showing the red stamps properly affixed and canceled. What will the prohibitionist collectors do? Will they want their rooms filled with empty bottles? Also, there is a delicate question as regards the preserving of larger packages with documentary stamps affixed, such as barrels and kegs. The writer would like advice." The situation described by our correspondent who wrote under date of December 28, 1915, is one that developed unexpectedly we suppose; and it is not hard to realize that a shortage of wines and cordials stamps resulted from the sudden demand for the stamps. The documentary series includes the values called for by the wines and cordials tax and so these stamps were used to fill the breach. It is just as well to place the circumstances on record for "future generations."

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Strange.—Still on the subject of the current United States revenue stamps, Mr. J. N. Morse remarks: "Your editorial in No. 1304 under the head of 'An Odd One' put me in mind that I have something similar which was saved from one of the early sheets of documentary five cent on U. S. P. S. paper with the plate number in red ink (pen) 'P1-407.' You say that the one that you refer to is quite small; mine is ordinary good size." The plate number that we described on the \$2 wines and cordials was "in a flowing and unstudied script" but engraved on the margin of the plate in the color of the stamp, green. Mr. Morse's emergency watermark is something in the way of a curiosity.

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It Does Not Apply.—One of our readers, Mr. R. J. Tarry, Knoxville, Illinois, recently sent us a clipping from the Chicago Tribune wherein an inquirer asked if it were legal to sell "stamps from a vending machine that gives but four cents in stamps when five cents is deposited." The answer was returned: "The postal law is (see federal statutes vol. 5, page 868) that 'postage stamps shall not be sold for any larger sum than the value indicated on their face, nor stamped envelopes for more than is charged therefor by the postoffice department for like quantities.' This law also applies to stamp vending machines. Tribune Law Department." The question of the sale by vending machines of four cents' worth of stamps for five cents is open to argument, on the basis of legality, we think; and Mr. Tarry's opinion seems to be a common-sense one: "It is my belief that if a test case were made, the vending-machine people would take the stand that they were selling four cents' worth of stamps for four cents and one cents' worth of service."

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FULTON STAMP CO., 102 W. 42nd Street, NEW YORK**CHANGES IN CHINA.**

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

Events in Europe and the Near East
 have monopolised attention so much that
 important happenings in more distant
 lands have passed almost unheeded. In
 China the former President, Yuan-Shi-
 Kai, has, at the invitation of the Council
 of State, accepted the Throne of the
 Sons of Heaven, and in due course will
 don the Imperial yellow robe embroid-
 ered with the blue dragon. The dragon,
 in all probability, will appear again on
 the stamps of China, but in any case the
 new regime must produce a new issue
 of stamps.

Under the old Empire the dragon was
 the chief symbol of Imperial authority
 in the stamp designs. The catalogue of
 its anatomical parts is like a page from
 Rabelais. It has the head of a camel,
 horns of a deer, eyes of a rabbit, ears
 of a cow, neck of a snake, belly of a
 frog, scales of a carp, claws of a hawk,
 and palms of a tiger. It is a four-footed
 monster, and it is significant to philat-
 elists that there are five claws to each
 foot on all true representations of the
 dragon, which betoken Imperial author-
 ity. The use of the five-clawed dragon
 as an emblem was exclusively reserved
 to the Imperial Government, and any
 unauthorised use of it was punishable as
 a capital offence.

This emblem first appeared on the
 stamps of the Shanghai Local Post in
 1865, a crude set of designs, on which
 the dragon's beard was represented by
 seven bristles, and the tail has five
 claws. These rather trifling details are
 important to the collector, as all copies
 of the stamps which have more or fewer
 than this number of bristles or claws
 are forgeries. Eastern forgers, while
 they are very skilful and daring, rarely
 go so far as to commit the unpardonable
 sin of offending against the laws respect-
 ing the symbols of Imperial authority.
 This applies not only to the dragon, but
 also to the Japanese chrysanthemum,
 which, on the genuine stamps, is always
 represented with sixteen petals.

The dragon also appeared on the first
 issue of stamps for China proper (1878)
 for the postal service instituted by Sir
 Robert Hart in connection with the
 Customs Department, and the emblem
 was continued through practically all the
 stamp designs until the fall of the
 dynasty and the formation of the Re-
 public under Yuan-Shi-Kai.

During the early days of the Republic
 in 1912 the stamps of the late Empire
 were provisionally converted into Re-
 publican stamps by an overprint in
 Chinese characters. In November, 1912,
 however, two sets of stamps were issued
 to commemorate the change of regime.
 One set bears a portrait of Dr. Sun Yat
 Sen, the leader of the revolution. The
 portrait is in a frame in which are
 worked unripe ears of wheat, and the
 inscription reads "In Commemoration
 of the Revolution." The other set is
 similar in style, but bears the portrait
 of President Yuan-Shi-Kai, and the ears
 of wheat in the frame are ripe. The in-
 scription reads "In Commemoration of
 the Republic."

From 1913 China has been using a set
 of stamps in three designs, all of which
 bear the inscription, "Republic of China"
 so, if the new regime be maintained, a
 new set of stamps will be necessary. It
 may be preceded by some provisional

overprints, so collectors should look out
 for novelties from the new Celestial Em-
 pire.—*London Telegraph.*

DEATH OF J. W. RUSSELL.

We are sorry to be obliged to add an-
 other to the long list of men who have
 been prominent in Philately in the death
 of J. W. Russell, the treasurer of the
 Scott Stamp & Coin Co. of New York,
 which occurred last week. Mr. Russell,
 although in the prime of life was one
 of the veterans of the stamp trade and
 there are very few in the business today
 who have seen so many years of service.

He had charge of their extensive cor-
 respondence and for the last two years
 has been treasurer of the corporation.
 He was very genial and made a host of
 friends both by personal contact and
 through the mails and his loss will be
 deeply felt by his business associates
 and all philatelists.

He was taken with a gripe cold just
 before Christmas and was housed for a
 few days but recovered enough to get
 out to the office one day. He suffered
 a relapse, however, and pneumonia set
 in and he passed away January 5th. The
 burial was from his late home in New
 Rochelle, N. Y., Friday evening, Janu-
 ary 7.

OUR REBUS COVER CONTEST.

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 answers and we want the contest to be
 a spirited one. We have not indicated
 the number of stamps represented in
 this design for the simple reason that
 we believe it will add to the interest.

PASSAIC STAMP EXHIBIT.

V. D. MacBride sends us a clipping
 from the *Passaic Daily News* of Dec. 29
 giving the particulars of the second an-
 niversary meeting of the Passaic Stamp
 Club held the previous evening.

About thirty members and guests were
 present, from Passaic, Paterson, Ruther-
 ford, Clifton, Nutley and elsewhere in
 this section. H. H. Wilson of Brook-
 lyn was the guest of honor of the even-
 ing and exhibited his collection of proofs
 and essays of United States postage
 stamps.

The Passaic Stamp Club has just re-
 ceived a charter as a branch society of
 the A. P. S. Meetings are held the
 second and fourth Tuesday evenings of
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The article in the *News* was well
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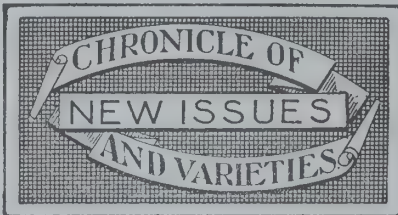
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UNITED STATES.—New stock transfer stamps were brought into use, under a new State law, January 3, in Pennsylvania. The denominations are:—2c, 4c, 10c, 20c and 50c, \$1, \$2, \$10 and \$20.

State Revenue Adhesives.

- 2c blue.
- 4c orange.
- 10c olive.
- 20c red.
- 50c bistre.
- \$1 ultramarine.

They are inscribed "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Stock Transfer Tax" and are overprinted in violet "State Printery" and value. The cent values are upright, while the dollar values are horizontally oblong. The watermark consists of a continuous duplication of lines of "AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA."

As about 17,000 post offices, more or less, issued precanceled stamps during the holidays, it is manifestly impossible for us to chronicle them all. Neverthe-

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Do. with "Baarle Duc" postmark

Bermuda. 1 or more values with triangular Censor mark

Egypt. 1 or more values with blue Censor label

Holland. "Field Post" obliteration

Indian Exped. Force. 1/4a-1 rupee (10) complete with Censor mark

1/4a postcard and 1/4a env. (both un'd)

1/4a postcard, used, with Army pmk. and Censor mark

Field Service postcard, white, 1st type used

Field Service postcard, brown, 2nd type used

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I. E. F. "B"—F. P. O. No.—POST-AGE FREE, scarce postmark

Luxemburg. 1 or more values with German Censor mark

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less, we thank Francis A. Wheeler and others who have kindly notified us of such issues by their post offices.

BRITISH GUIANA.—Among recent importations have been copies of the current 2c stamp, with the ruled lines behind the value thin and faint, making the tablet appear much lighter than hitherto says *Scott's Circular*. The lines in the background of the circle containing the ship, on the sails, at right and left of "Postage & Revenue" and at left of the crown are also lighter than before. The same changes are noted in the 5c and 72c. We might have thought they were the result of cleaned plates on the 2c and 5c but the 72c has only just appeared in this design. We therefore conclude the alterations are intentional and have been made on the dies.

MEKEEL'S WEEKLY has already called attention to variations in the tablets containing the value of several denominations of these stamps.

CANADA.—Mrs. Oughtred sends us the new War Tax stamp from the Dominion. The current 2c stamp has been converted into a 3c stamp by the insertion in the plate of a large "T" with the figure "1" to the left and "c" to the right. This is in colorless characters, the same as "War Tax" appears on the 1c value and in the same place, that is on the breast of the King's coat. These were put on sale in Montreal, January 5. Mrs. Oughtred says that there is a great deal of complaint about these stamps, many people refusing to buy them, and the postoffice clerks also object to them on account of their resemblance to the current 2c stamp. Possibly a change of color may result, if the com-

Denmark. 1915 provisional 80/12 ore and 80/8ore, 2 kinds, mint 1.06
Great Britain. K. Edward, Board of Education, 1d mint, (cat. 33) 1.50
Jhind (on India, K. George), 1/4, 1/2, and 1/4a-6a (6) complete, old spelling, mint 2.12
Switzerland. New 1915 Xmas stamps, 10c and 15c, just issued, mint .07
Do., do., in block of 4 .28

WAR STAMPS.

All Mint unless otherwise stated.

Belgium 1915, 1c-25c Kg. Albert, set of 7 .24

1915, 35, 40, 50c and 1 franc .48

1915, 2 and 5 francs 1.62

1915, 10 francs (the 3 Belgian Kings) 2.06

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Dutch Indies, Red Cross, set of three different kinds .24

France, Red Cross, 10c plus 5c, the two kinds .12

Red Cross, definite type, used, two extreme shades .08

Indian Expeditionary Force, 1/4a-1 rupee (ten) complete 1.70

Italy, Red Cross, Nov. 1915, 15c and 20c handsome large stamps .10

Indo China, Red Cross, 10c plus 5c .05

Madagascar, Red Cross, 10c plus 5c .05

Monaco, Red Cross, 10c plus 5c .06

Morocco, Red Cross, 10c plus 5c .06

Red Cross, 10c plus 5c, permanent type .05

New Caledonia, Red Cross 10c plus 5c, scarce local issue .12

New Zealand, War stamp, 1/2d green .02

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Trinidad, Red Cross label, 1st issue .08

Tunis, Red Cross, 15c purple (overprinted) .05

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Bahamas, K. George, 3d, 1d, 2d & 4d .28

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Cayman Islands, K. George, block of four 1/4d, pair 1/2d, 1d .20

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When the War Tax Act first went into effect the Inland Revenue Department issued five cent, twenty cent and fifty cent postage stamps bearing the words "War Tax" or "Inland Revenue War Tax" for Inland Revenue purposes only, and as previously advised, neither of these nor any other Inland Revenue War Tax stamps can be accepted for the payment of the War Tax on letters, post cards, postal notes or post office money orders, or for the payment of postage or any other postal charges."

We are also indebted to the following readers for information or samples of the new War Tax stamps:—G. Hemond, O. Kendall and George R. Hargraft.

INDIA.—Allan Greeley sends us a cover from Calcutta that bears the regular Calcutta postmark; "Too late" for mail boat; "Passed by Postal Censor 5 Calcutta"; and "Postal Censor, 10 July, 1915, Calcutta." There seems to be more formality than usual, and Mr. Greeley queries whether this indicates "internal trouble in India."

MEXICO.—Lowell J. Ragatz also reports the new 10c stamp as coming in perforated form.

PANAMA.—*Scott's Circular* has the following regarding the 1/2c claret (or

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rose) map stamp recently chronicled:

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Rose, claret, red, pink—which?

VENEZUELA.—Elliott Perry sends us the 5c value of the new set, as described in No. 1285. Other values were noted in Nos. 1289 and 1290. Presumably the other missing values, 10c, 25c, and possibly 40c, will soon be issued, in which case the stamps with three-quarters' portrait of Bolivar will become obsolete. Mr. Perry thinks these new stamps a highly creditable production. There are at least two distinct shades of the 15c olive, recently chronicled,—one yellowish and the other more greenish.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 8.15 P.M.

January 10, 1916.

The 350th (regular) meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society, Inc., will be held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 18, 1916. As this is the meeting at which the officers for the ensuing year are elected and at which the reports for the preceding year are read, we should have a large attendance. Please make a point of attending if possible and thus show your interest in the affairs of the Society. The application of Mr. Lynde Sullivan will be voted upon. Those wishing to dine together before the meeting will meet at the Club Room at 6 p. m.

Mr. John A. Klemann will exhibit some of the books of the "Crawford Collection" during the evening.

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NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 8, 1916.

The 262nd meeting was held on Jan. 6. President Bartels called the meeting to order. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Mr. J. Schack was elected as member. Mr. C. G. Dietrich resigned. Mr. H. M. Lewy, the sales manager, distributed the sales books of the American Philatelic Society. Application for books should be sent to the sales manager. Mr. B. Schlesinger, the treasurer, was absent, having the grippe. A very lively auction sale was the feature of the evening. Next meeting, January 20, the exhibit will be Uruguay. Meeting adjourned at 10.15.

W. O. STAEB, Sec.

The Postal Card Society of America.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

New Member, 238, Mrs. E. W. Oughtred, 28 Lincoln Avenue, Montreal, Canada.

Dues received from Nos. 218 and 217, \$1.00, which, with previous receipts, has been remitted to our treasurer.

The secretary is now ready, and anxious, to receive nominations for officers to serve the Society for the coming year. It may be remembered that last year we held no election because of no nominations.

S. M. EDWARDS, Sec.

1932 Mt. Vernon St., Phila., Pa.
Dec. 31st, 1915.

CRAWFORD COLLECTION IN BOSTON.

The members of the Boston Philatelic Society are going to have a treat at their meeting, January 18, when John A. Klemann of the Nassau Stamp Co. is to exhibit a portion of the celebrated Earl of Crawford collection of United States stamps, proofs and essays which his firm has recently purchased. This is known as the best and most complete collection of United States in existence and was mounted and written up by the late owner on a cruise around the world in his yacht. The Mandel collection formed by the late Mr. Mandel, the expert of American Bank Note Co. and mounted in 30 large albums was the nucleus of the Crawford collection but at the time of his death it had nearly doubled in size.

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British Honduras, 5	7.20
British Central Africa, 4sh CC	2.40
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British Guiana, 60c CA	4.10
Canada, 1908, set 1/2 to 20c	1.12
1912, set dues	.14
Cayman, 1sh CA	2.40
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10sh Edward	3.60
Ceylon, 1r 50c slate CA	5.25
2r 25c brown CA	6.75
1910, 2r Edward	1.30
1910, 20r George	8.20
Cyprus, 45pi CA	4.20
45pi CAC	1.90
East Africa, CA 8a blue	1.20
CA 3 rupee	2.40
5 rupee	3.60
CA 10 rupee	6.10
George 10 rupee	4.25
Fiji, 5sh CA	1.90
1 CA	8.50
5sh on yellow	2.20
Gambia 1902, 1sh CA	1.70
1902, 3sh	1.40
1905, 1sh CAC	1.90
1905, 2sh CAC	6.00
Gibraltar, 2sh CA	2.20
1 CA	14.00
1 CA	10.50
Gold Coast, 1912, 2sh 6d on blue	1.30
10sh CA	3.90
Great Britain, 10sh Edward	3.40
1 Edward	7.00
5sh George	1.50
1 George	6.00
Grenada, 2sh CA	1.50
10sh CA	5.25
10sh mult. rare	9.25
10sh ship	4.60
Hong Kong, 2 CA scarce	2.60
5 CA scarce	4.20
\$10.00 mult.	7.40
\$2 1907 red center	2.00
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India, 10r 1909 superb	4.20
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It is pleasing to announce that Washington, our capital, is now in the precancel fold.

Reports from Maine have it that precancels were used from Portland clear to Aroostook County and all points between—during the Xmas season.

San Francisco has been using enormous quantities of the Panama issue in all denominations in up and down prints, but no double or other unusual varieties have as yet been announced. The Golden Gate City has also used considerable Parcel Post stamps and all denominations of the current issue from 1c to 20c.

Chicago's mail order houses are having their voluminous catalogues printed in Springfield, Mass., and they are being mailed with Springfield precancels.

It seems that precancels are traveling west, even beyond our Pacific Coast. Honolulu, Hawaii, the home of pineapples and missionary stamps, is now a regular dispenser of precancels. Shanghai, China, has appeared overprinted on the current issue, but whether this is official cannot be said. Perhaps Manila and Hong Kong will soon be with us.

Has anyone heard of Pike, New Hampshire? Well, that burg with the fish name has a real precancel, just the same.

Precancels have surely outstripped their rival, the permit. A few years ago, it seemed that permits would be the undoing of precancels. Permissible precancel matter of all kinds was sent out bearing permits and although many per-

mits are still in use, precancels are now forging ahead and maintaining the more prominent position.

Toledo, Ohio, which has continually used one type for nearly two decades, recently broke its long record by using two different fonts.

Little Rhode Island was a veritable precancel bee hive during the holidays. Providence, as usual, sent out thousands of precancels. The busy city of Pawtucket also consumed a large quantity and the hustling towns of Westerly and Bristol used a goodly number.

The new 11c stamp received its precancel initiation soon after it was issued and is now being used by many of the larger cities.

Nobody works harder than the postman at the Xmas season but let deliveries be a little late and the public invariably sets up a howl. No one more than those in the Postal Service fully realize what a benefactor precancels really are—and were it not for the time and labor saved through the use of precancels during the holiday rush, the service would be considerably retarded.

Another Springfield has been added to the list of Springfields. This time, it is the Illinois, Springfield. The other two in the precancel fold are in Massachusetts and Ohio.

High precancel denominations are no longer the rarities they formerly were. A decade ago, a 10c or 15c precancel of most any city was considered quite a "find" but the parcel post has so revolutionized this that 20c and 30c values are quite common and even 50c and dollar precancels are frequently seen.

But few of the original types are in active use to-day. Of the few left, Lowell, Mass., is easily the leader. Lowell first issued precancels in 1895 and is to-day still adhering to its first type, a record to be proud of. Danbury, Conn., the city of hats, adopted precancels in 1898 and still adheres to its initial type. It can safely be said the 2c 1898 Danbury precancel is a very

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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

CHAPTER IV.—(Continued).

It will thus be seen that the 7½d value, which was recommended three years earlier (at the time the 10d was issued), materialised at last, though there appears to be no official record bearing on the date the new value was placed on sale to the public. The volume dealing with the postage stamps of British North America, published by the Royal Philatelic Society some twenty years ago, gives the date of issue as June 2nd, 1857, though no authority for this statement is given.



The design was adapted from that of the discarded 12d of 1851, the same portrait of Queen Victoria adorning the central oval. The inscribed band around this contains the words CANADA PACKET POSTAGE at the top, and SIX PENCE STERLING at the bottom, the two inscriptions occupying so much space that there was no room for dividing ornaments of any kind. In the upper and lower left hand corners is "6d stg." and in the right hand corners "7½d cy." is shown. A word of explanation regarding the use of the word PACKET in the inscription is necessary. This does not refer to any parcel post (indeed, there was no parcel post at that period) as has sometimes been erroneously asserted, but refers to the fast mail steamers of the day which were then known as "packets". This denomination, as shown by the extract from the Postmaster-General's report printed above, was intended for use on single letters sent to England via the Canadian packets.

This 7½d stamp was, according to Mr. Howes, printed in sheets of 120 arranged in ten horizontal rows of twelve each, each sheet showing the imprint of the manufacturers eight times on the margins as in the case of the values issued previous to 1857. Only one consignment, consisting of 834 sheets (100,800 stamps) was received, and as 17,670 of these were still on hand when the decimal currency was introduced in 1859, a simple calculation will show that the total quantity issued was 82,410 stamps.

Although there had been a real need for a halfpenny value since the first adhesives made their appearance in Canada—as shown by several rates it was impossible to prepay in stamps without them—it was not until 1857 that a stamp of this denomination was placed in use. The following circular announced their impending issue:—

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The Royal Philatelic Society's book gives the date of the above notice—July 18th, 1857—as the date of issue of the new stamp but, as Mr. Howes observes "it is more likely that the stamp was issued on 1st August, the day the new rates took effect."

Although this stamp is generally conceded to be the last of the "pence" values to be issued, until more definite information regarding the date of issue of the 7½d can be procured, this supposition can rest on no more substantial basis than that of mere conjecture.



The design is quite unlike that of any of the other values expressed in pence and consists of the conventional profile portrait of the Queen shown on so many of the stamps of the British Empire, within an oval band inscribed CANADA POSTAGE, at the top, and ONE HALF PENNY, at the bottom. There are no numerals or inscriptions in the corners but merely a plain pattern of diagonally crossed lines. Mr. Howes states "the stamp was printed in sheets of 100, ten rows of ten, with the right marginal imprints as described for the series of 1851."

From the Postmaster-General's report we gather that 1,341,600 halfpenny stamps were received prior to October 1st, 1857, though whether these were all in one consignment or not is not quite clear. At any rate judging from the statement in the same report that "the Department has been led to take measures for obtaining . . . sheets perforated" it would appear that the above quantity comprised all the imperforate

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Our Big Number—Our twenty-fifth anniversary number received a welcome that was not a perfunctory expression of a passing or surface interest but on the contrary one whose sincerity was not to be mistaken. A good many of our readers feel that our success in operating to the satisfaction of collectors of two generations is well merited; and they have taken the trouble to tell us so. One discriminating reader says: "You have recorded a great achievement in philately, and you prove that the quality of permanence does exist in our world, notwithstanding that allegation to the contrary has been made so often. This demonstration alone makes you among the 'truly great' of our pursuit and you have taught a lesson of faith, loyalty and duty, whose true inwardness is understood by many but should be by all." The esteem of our readers naturally is appreciated; and we make grateful acknowledgment to all of those who have written to felicitate us on the occasion that we celebrated.

Needle In Haystack—A bit of testimony comes from Mr. E. R. Jacobs to the effect that a green cancellation on the three cent green, 1870 to 1882, is a scarcity of the first rank. In fact, a canceled three cent with the obliteration in an unmistakable green and not a disintegrated or discolored blue comes to the fore about once in 300,000 stamps. At least, Mr. Jacobs has examined about that number of the three cent before finding a marked and brilliant green "target" cancellation. Supply your own comment and say something about patience on a monument.

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No Effect—It is safe to say that no change will be made in the current revenue issues as a consequence of the theft of revenue stamps recently at St. Paul, Minn., and it is surmised that the loss was greatly exaggerated in the newspapers. We have been told that banks in some of the large cities have been notified of the robbery and warned to be on the watch for the stolen stamps.

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In A Book—The following extract from a book published in 1856, while not particularly interesting is yet worth preserving because of its reflection of the time when the half-ounce postage rate to Great Britain was twenty-four cents: "Before the passage of the late Postal Treaty with Great Britain, a clerk in one of our large cities was sent to the post office to mail a letter containing an order for goods on an English house. The clerk pocketed the twenty-four cents which he had been intrusted with for the purpose of prepaying the letter; therefore agreeably to the postal arrangements then existing, it could not go by steamer but was sent by a sailing vessel. Consequently, the order was delayed, and therefore was not executed as promptly as the firm sending it had expected; and when the goods arrived they had fallen in value to such an extent that the firm in question incurred by the operation a loss estimated at at least ten thousand dollars."

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Cut Out—A reader says that he has found an envelope that bears a three cent stamped envelope, 1864 design, cut round, and that was accepted without question as having paid the postage. He adds that it has been his experience that in the early days, only very rarely could the envelope stamps cut from the "cover" have been used in this manner, if the infrequency with which they are to be found is any criterion. It is unnecessary to say that even in the pioneer days of envelopes the use of the envelope stamps in the manner indicated was unauthorized and those letters that bore them that passed through the post did so inadvertently. One of the earliest postal laws pertaining to the subject was practically coincident with the appearance of stamped envelopes in the United States and provided that a letter bearing a stamp, cut or separated from a stamped envelope cannot be sent through the mails as a prepaid letter; and that stamps so cut or separated from stamped envelopes lose their legal value.

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Even So—Saith a reader: "If you will promise to begin a series of 'philatelic coincidences,' to be continued by more or less veracious subscribers, I shall try my 'prentice hand on the following. When in New Orleans not a few years ago, I bought a fine ten cent, 1847, on cover, that was postmarked New York City and addressed to Detroit, Michigan. I live in a small New Jersey town and one afternoon, recently, a neighbor called to visit my wife. While I was fixing my stamps, my wife and friend, bent over the table somewhat indifferently. Suddenly a change came over our visitor and with an excited yell, she swooped down upon the ten cent 1847 envelope. 'Where did you get this?' she exclaimed; and proceeded to tell that the cover had been addressed to her 'dear, dear grandfather Sprague' whom she had often visited in his later years at his Detroit home. I may have spoiled the story in the telling but anyway, the coincidence is there."

1861, 3c pink on cover.

1869, 24c inverted center.

Reissues.

1901, Pan American 2c inverted center, mint.

Franklin Carrier, unused.

He Is So Kind—A paying subscriber has presented us with a copy of George Horton's book "The Long Straight Road," which was published over a dozen years ago. A note refers us to a page where we find the sentence marked: "Postage stamps are better than dry rot, and coins have saved many a soul from utter weariness." While it is just possible that we may have referred approvingly to Mr. Horton's singularly clear concept a long time ago, a repetition in this regard will do no harm, particularly in the light of the added information that we have received about the author, who, we are told had distinct philatelic leanings and who as minister to Greece from the United States found time to indulge his inclination.

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Lithographed—We forgot to mention that we have been receiving for some time past, the one and two centavos, current issue of Chili, in the designs and approximately, the colors of the engraved stamps. No doubt, further values of the lithographed stamps will make their appearance. Explanation to account for the lithographed stamps has not been received but possibly it hinges upon the difficulty of obtaining the color bases for use in plate printing. In this connection it has been reported to us that there is a probability that the stringency in coloring supplies may become so acute in the cases of some countries that various expedients may be resorted to to tide over the shortage. Marked shades may be anticipated and even changes in processes of printing looked for. All possibilities are problematical, it goes without saying, and no doubt, any action that may be called for will be taken suddenly. If one studies the question, theories may be evolved that will furnish food for speculation, at least; and the one who is inclined to forecast the philatelic future cannot be any the worse off, at any rate.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Mrs. E. W. Oughtred, 28 Lincoln Av., Montreal, Que., Can., would like to know whether any dealers have had unsatisfactory dealings with Charles Weissner, 71 Jackson St., Passaic, N. J., or Genesee St., Trenton, N. J.

—Things have been rather quiet of late at Willow City, Tex. Dealers will do well to bear in mind transactions that were at the time duly exploited in the WEEKLY.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from A. A. Kranhold; M. Casper (2), C. M. Breder.

—All members of Branch No. 8 of the S. P. A. were present at its first meeting in Medina, Ohio, January 6th. Lots of stamps were on hand and the following officers were elected: Pres., S. H. Brainard; Vice Pres., O. E. Crofoot; Sec.-Treas., Silas Weatherby.

—"I have in preparation a work on the postal history and stamps of the Colombian Rep. and would greatly appreciate any information or loan of stamps. Due recognition in the printed work will be given all those who assist in this labor."—PERCIVAL D. PERKINS, Windsor, Vt.

—The Western Philatelic Association officers for 1916 are: William G. Wilson, President; Kenneth Macabee, Vice-President; Oliver G. Beardslee, Secretary; Philip Gray, Treasurer; Oliver G. Beardslee, Librarian, and E. S. Blackwell, Sales and Exchange Manager.

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stamps of this denomination. On the other hand the total number of half-penny stamps issued was 3,389,960 and catalogue quotations for the imperforate and the perforated varieties hardly bear out the supposition that only the first lot were issued without perforation.

While the 10d value is found on several sorts of paper no such extreme variation is provided as in the case of the stamps of 1851. The 7 1/2d and 1/2d values, printed at a later date, provide still fewer varieties, which would seem to indicate that as time progressed the manufacturers exercised a nicer discrimination in their choice of paper. Most of the stamps seem to have been printed on a hard wove paper, varying a little in thickness; the 10d is found on a very thin paper; and the 1/2d is recorded on ribbed paper, though whether this is a true "ribbed" variety or merely the result of some peculiarity in printing is open to discussion. As the ribbed lines are anything but distinct, though the paper showing this peculiarity is a little softer than that generally used, it is more than likely that the ribbing was purely accidental.

Owing to the differing qualities of paper used the same idiosyncracies of measurement in the size of the designs may be noted, especially in the case of the 10d as was referred to in a previous chapter. But as all variations of this character in stamps printed from line-engraved plates were long ago conclusively proved to be due to nothing more exciting than paper shrinkage it is hardly worth while wearying our readers with a resurrection of all that has been written on the subject leading up to the proof. While examples showing the extremes of size are of interest in a specialized collection little can be said in favor of their philatelic value.

Reference List.

1855-57. Engraved and printed by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, New York, on wove paper. Imperforate.
4. 1/2d pink, Scott's No. 8.
5. 7 1/2d green, Scott's No. 9.
6. 10d blue, Scott's No. 7.

CHAPTER V.**The Perforated Pence Stamps.**

In the Report of the Postmaster-General for September 30th, 1857, to which we have already made reference, we read:—

Moreover, the Department has been led, by the increasing use of Postage Stamps, to take measures for obtaining the Canadian Postage Stamps in sheets perforated in the dividing lines, in the manner adopted in England, to facilitate the separation of a single stamp from the others on a sheet when required for use.

From the above statement, one would naturally infer that such a useful innovation would be adopted at once, especially so when it is considered that the utility and convenience of perforation had already been amply tested and had proved eminently satisfactory in England. Unfortunately, no further mention of perforation is made in the Reports of succeeding years, and this absence of direct official evidence combined with the existence of certain facts has given rise to much theorizing as to the actual date of issue of the perforated varieties, and as to whether

the perforation was applied by the manufacturers of the stamps, by the Canadian Government, or by private parties in Canada.

Mr. Donald A. King in his article in the *Monthly Journal* says:—

It is an open question whether these stamps were delivered to the Canadian Post Office Department in a perforated condition or not. The manufacturers are wholly unable to throw any light on the subject; and while there is much to be said in favor of their having perforated the stamps, there are points against it almost as strong.

In favor of it there is the fact that, at the date that these stamps were issued, it was more than probable that a firm like the manufacturers would have perforating machines. The normal gauge of the perforated set is 12, that being the only size ever used by the manufacturers, or their successors, the American Bank Note Company; indeed, they call 12 their standard and only gauge.

On the other hand, we find that there are perforated stamps of the first series issued, viz., the 6d on laid paper; also, that there exist two different varieties of perforation that were never used by the makers, viz., one gauging 14, and another that is described in the *American Journal of Philately* for January, 1891, as follows:—

"CANADA.—In a large lot of pence issues, purchased by us lately, we have found two copies of the 3d, on greyish wove paper, perforated 13, with oblique parallel cuts. This seems to confirm the theory that the pence issues of Canada were not perforated by the manufacturers, but either by the Canadian Government, or by some persons authorized by them, who most likely experimented with different perforating machines, finally selecting the one perforating 12."

Considering these facts, it may be that the stamps were sent to Canada in an imperforate condition, and that the Post Office Department had them perforated there, either buying a perforating machine, or entrusting them to some manufacturers of stationery. Perforations gauging 13 and 14 may have been experimental, as specimens of these varieties are rare; perforation 12 being adopted as giving the best results, the other sizes not being at all clearly cut, as the 12 generally is. All the stock of 1/2d, 3d and 6d on hand would, in this case, have been perforated, which might account for the copy of the 6d on laid paper that is known in this condition. There always remains the query why the 7 1/2d and 10d were not treated in the same manner, and to this no answer can be given. Probably the safest theory to advance, and the one that I think is correct, is that the 12 gauge was the official one used by the manufacturers, and that the 13 and 14 were the result of private enterprise by people using large quantities of stamps, and they may possibly antedate the regularly perforated issue. This point can only be settled by copies being found on the original covers.

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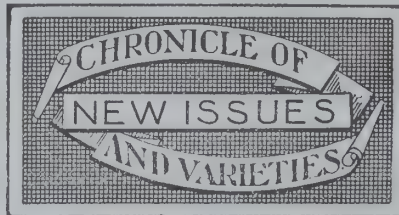
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UNITED STATES.—Another of our old
"Paquebot" friends has turned up, Bart-
lett Gatchell having shown us a cover
with the above word handstamped in
large letters over the current 2c United
States stamp. The letter was mailed
January 6 on the Ward Line steamer en
route, and deposited in the post office at
Havana, Cuba, January 12, six days
later. These "Paquebot" letters are not
uncommon in the West India mail, and
simply indicate mail placed in the
care of the purser of the steamer.

Henry Merlo shows a strip of the 1c
stamps of the 1910 issue from the upper
left hand corner of a sheet, the first
stamp having a strong line of color
across the temple, fully two millimeters
long.

The current 2c stamp is now coming
with the color showing through like the
3c recently noted and now common.

J. M. Bartels reports new envelopes
as follows:

Denom.	Die.	Size	Paper.	Wmk.	Kn.
1c	A	8	Amber	19	59
2c	C	5	White	19	87
*2c	A	2	White	20	94
2c	A ²	9	White	20	61
2c	E	13	Amber	20	89
4c	B	8	White	20	59

* Note size 2 with new low cut knife.

I. C. Greene has shown us the current
2c with pink back, both used and un-
used. Apparently, the ink used for
printing these stamps, like the 3c chron-
icled some time since, contains some
unusual chemical that strikes through
the paper and shows through on the
back. This appears even more plainly
on soaked copies than on those that
have not been used.

AFGHANISTAN.—A. C. Roessler sends
us quite an exclusive bit of news from
mysterious Afghanistan. This news he
is sure cannot be obtained from anyone
on this side of the Pond. As the mail
between Afghanistan and India has been
cut off and as the mails between India
and England are rather uncertain, the
continental papers are not likely to have

this news early. Over a year ago, the
WEEKLY chronicled upon Mr. Roessler's
authority, a postal card issued by the
Amir, showing his Highness, on the
back of an elephant, tiger hunting.
This has now been issued and in addi-
tion a special adhesive has been put out
for the sole purpose of mailing the card.
The card itself is of the usual size with
a rather poorly made half-tone on one
side; a line of Hindi beneath the cut.
On the reverse of the card, along the
top is a line of native characters which
we have been unable to have translated.
To the left are three lines which are
obviously for the sender's name and ad-
dress. In the place where the stamp
usually goes is a box with apparently
the Afghanistan equivalent for "Place
stamp here." The stamp itself is 15x21
millimeters and is printed in the same
shade of brown, as is employed in print-
ing the card.

We have noticed three different half-
tones:

1. A tropical garden, rustic work,
arches. One noticeable thing is an arc
light on a high pole.
2. Open tent with several hundred
people dressed in European style. Bri-
tish soldiers.
3. Out-door scene. Amir at table
serving tea.

AUSTRIA.—*Lichtenstein*.—The three
stamps for these offices have now ap-
peared on thin, unsurfaced paper.

CANADA.—We have been shown fur-
ther specimens of the new 3c War Tax
stamp of Canada by Arthur Barger, O.
Kendall and the New England Stamp
Co. Mr. Kendall corroborates Mrs.
Oughtred's statement regarding the un-
satisfactory character of the makeshift,
owing to the fact that the 2c and 3c
will be of the same color, and liable to
be mistaken one for the other, especial-
ly in a poor light.

NAURU.—According to the *Postage
Stamp* stamps are to be overprinted for
use in this island. The island lies near
the Gilbert and Ellice group in the
South Pacific.

POLAND.—*Warsaw*.—In regard to the
Warsaw stamps noted last week, the
following explanatory notes from A. O.
Tittmann will be of interest:

With the consent of the German Post
Office authorities, the Citizens' Com-
mittee of Warsaw instituted a service
for the delivery of all mail, and for this
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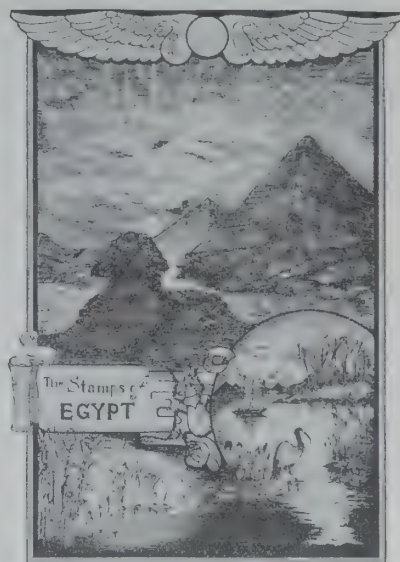
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I. Geographical and Historical.

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These islands are divided into five groups for the purpose of local legislation; the seat of government and residence of the governor-in-chief being at St. John's, Antigua.

The Leeward Islands are divided into the following groups:

- Antigua (including Barbuda and Redunda).
- St. Christopher and Nevis (and Anguilla).
- Dominica.
- Montserrat.
- Virgin Islands (British group).

Strictly speaking the appellation Virgin Islands includes St. Thomas, Santa Cruz, St. Johns and various small islets belonging to Denmark (Danish West Indies), not to mention Culebra and Crab Island which were taken from Spain after the Spanish-American War.

In these few notes we will deal with the British portion of the Virgin Islands only.

The British group consists of about 50 islands of varying sizes, out of a total of roughly 100 thickly studded islands and rocks. The islands form a connecting link between the Greater and Lesser Antilles: the British portion having an area of nearly 60 square miles and a population of 5000—of which number only about 150 are whites.

Tortola, Virgin Gorda and Anegada are the three most important islands, with Road Town (Tortola) as the capital. The population of the capital, however, is barely 400.

That portion of the Virgin Islands under British control was acquired in 1866.

The discovery of the islands by Columbus is described in Washington Irving's "Life of Columbus":—"Columbus having sailed from Cadiz on September 25th, 1493, on his second voyage of discovery landed on the 4th of November on an island which he named Guadeloupe, in honour of a convent of that name in Estramadura; he weighed

anchor on the 10th . . . and soon came in sight of a great cluster of islands, to the largest of which he gave the name of St. Ursula and called the others the Eleven Thousand Virgins . . . he reached Hispaniola [Hayti] on the 22nd of the same month."

It is well-known that a great number of the West Indian Islands have been re-named—among them being Santa Ursula and the Eleven Thousand Virgins, which by their position and natural characteristics are obviously that branch of the Leeward Islands known as the Virgin Islands.

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II. The Design of Mystery.

Upon the issue of the first stamps of the Virgin Islands much was written regarding what the design was actually meant to represent. In 1867 the Postmaster of Tortola wrote that "the Virgin Islands were discovered by Columbus on the Virgin's day, he accordingly named them after the Virgin; the twelve lamps represent the twelve primitive Christian charities."

This statement was quickly challenged by various writers of the period. "Feutonia"—a well informed writer—pointed out that there were no less than fifteen days in the year which might be designated "the Virgin's day," but on none of these dates was Columbus anywhere near Santa Ursula. "As to the real meaning of the device [on the stamps] which also constitutes the armorial bearings of such of the Virgin Islands as belong to Great Britain, I am of

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The name "Virgin Islands" (*Insulae Virginum*) means "Islands of Virgins" and not "Islands of the Virgin." This substantially affirms the interpretation of the design on the first stamps as given by "Feutonia," i. e., the Constellation of the Virgo.

The design for the first two stamps (1d and 6d 1866) was copied from a panel of the colonial seal. The figure depicted on the 4d and 1s stamps was taken, presumably, from the seal of some judiciary court, bearing a somewhat fanciful depiction of the Goddess of Justice—"full-faced, bandaged, crowned with stars, and gracefully draped in flowing robes with hanging sleeves; holding, as usual, a sword in her right, and scales in her left hand."

Impressions of this seal are known and Moens even included it in one or two editions of his catalogue (1868-69) as "Sceau de la justice."

III. Rare Stamps at Normal Prices.

The philatelic history of the Virgin Islands dates back to the year 1866 when the first two adhesives were put into circulation. Since that date many most interesting stamps have been issued; their quaint designs, colourings and straightforwardness making them very desirable acquisitions to all stamp albums.

It is worth while noting a really important point concerning the issues of the Virgin Islands—all the earlier issues are rarer than the catalogue quotations suggest. In postally used or mint condition these early emissions are much rarer than is generally supposed. The would-be specialist will be able to verify this point. He will be surprised that he cannot find nice copies (used or mint) of certain stamps, even if he is prepared to pay considerably above catalogue prices.

In reality most early Virgin Islands stamps are extremely scarce, and the low prices for many items in the catalogue may be attributed to the fact that these stamps do not, at present, enjoy the popularity which they undoubtedly deserve. Their time will come, however, and then many collectors who have blanks will regret that they did not "fill up" at present day prices.

The abnormal scarcity of many Virgin Islands stamps has attracted the attention of more than one shrewd philatelist so the odd "good thing" which ever turns up in a stock book or an auction quickly finds its way into one or two recognised channels.

The supplies sent out from England in the early days were, comparatively speaking, small, although at the same time more than sufficient for the postal requirements of the small population.

The truth of the matter was that the correspondence from these islands was practically nil, the frequent sendings of stamps about 1870 from this country being to meet the wants of the trade. The quantities of stamps imported by stamp dealers was small—in the light of modern importation—so the unused stamps were easily absorbed by collectors, whilst those kept on hand for the use of the inhabitants were used in such small numbers that postally used copies are generally about ten times as rare as unused. The present day market shows this clearly enough—unused the stamps (1866-90) are scarce; used they are rare.

In two instances only do the catalogues prices—for used as compared with unused specimens—show anything approaching the comparative degree of scarcity between the two.

Assuming that the quotations in our standard catalogues for unused Virgin Islands stamps are more or less correct (in 75% of the early issues they are undoubtedly too low), then the prices for postally used copies should, in a number of cases, be quadrupled; we will even go so far as to say that this increase does not represent the relative degrees of rarity in certain instances!

IV. Some Postal Statistics.

In order to fully emphasise our remarks upon the diminutive dimensions of the Virgin Islands postal organisation we herewith reproduce some statistics of interest.

Unfortunately there appears to be no reliable statistics available prior to 1900. The figures for the Leeward Islands group including the Virgin Islands (representing but a small fraction of the totals) are as follows:

	Revenue.	Expenditure.
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1905-6	55.9.1	1911-12	640.5.8
1906-7	33.9.7	1912-13	767.19.3
1907-8	85.15.9	1913-14	263.5.5
1908-9	2.17.0	1914-15	

V. General Notes.
The Commissioner of the Virgin
Islands, formerly styled the President,
holds a multitude of onerous positions.
In addition to his title of Commissioner
he is also Treasurer, Registrar General
of Deeds, Births, Deaths and Marriages,
Provost Marshal, Coroner, Manager
Government Savings Bank, Deputy
Judge of the Summary Jurisdiction
Court, District Magistrate, Harbour and
Shipping Master, Postmaster General
and sometimes Medical Officer!

The powers of the Commissioner are
laid down by a Local Act. In the
capacity of Magistrate he travels round
the islands once a month holding Courts
at Virgin Gorda, Jost Van Dykes and
Anegada, and in case of any misunder-
standing, etc., among "the local police"
(consisting we believe of two con-
stables) he settles the case. There is
no Legislative body in the Virgin Islands
—the Governor being fully acquainted
with the inhabitants makes all Local
Acts himself which are passed by Coun-
cil at Antigua.

During the absence of the Commis-
sioner on his rounds as Magistrate, the
Medical Officer acts in his stead. There
is a non-official Executive body which
acts on its own initiative. In the early
days the Postmaster was a separate
official, but this was later included on
the long list of *ex-officio* duties of the
Commissioner.

Mr. Smith tells us that "there is also
a sub-postmaster at Virgin Gorda, but
there are no inter-island postal arrange-
ments. The exterior postal communica-
tion is by small sailing-craft to St.
Thomas, and mails are dispatched to St.
Thomas nearly every day. By the post-
office ordinance of 1860, the Governor
has the authorisation to order and pro-
cure such number of postage stamps, of
such colour and design and values as
he shall deem fit, etc.

VI. British Used in Virgin Islands.
("A13" Tortola and "A91" Naval Sta-
tion, Virgin Islands.)

Like so many of our Colonies, the
Virgin Isles made use of ordinary un-
surcharged contemporary British stamps
prior to the issue of a special distinctive
series. Adhesives thus employed can be
distinguished by the postmark only.
The two "used abroad" cancellations in
this instance were "A13" and "A91" in
the usual well-known type.

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Tortola ("A13") is the principal of
the Virgin group and it held the distinction
(philatelic) of being the office
with the smallest amount of correspond-
ence in the British West Indies. This
is sufficient evidence of the rarity of
"A13" stamps! The postmark "A91"
was employed in the Virgin Isles from
1859-71: in 1872 the number was trans-
ferred to Southsea, Hants.

Gibbons lists three stamps under "A13"
and six under "A91". Both lists appear
to be accurate as far as they go. The
5sh plate 1 (1867) is known cancelled
"A13", and we have seen a copy of the
9d straw (1865) used at the (V. I.)
Naval Station. It is curious that the
5sh, issued after the first Virgin Isles
stamps were in circulation, should have
been used at all. The island issues at
this time lacked any high value denomi-
nations and it is thus probable that a
few odd copies of the British 5sh were
kept in stock in case of any postal need.
One catalogue lists plates 1 and 2 of the
5sh used at Tortola. We have never
seen or heard of a plate 2 with the
"A13" postmark

Reference List.

Prior to 1866.	Contemporary British stamps
cancelled "A13" and "A91".	
"A13".	"A91".
1d rose-red (1857)	1d rose-red (1857)
6d lilac (1856)	2d blue (1855)
1s green (1856)	4d rose (1857)
5s rose, plate 1	4d red (1862)
(1867)	6d lilac (1856)
	9d straw (1865)
	1s green (1856)

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THE STAMPS OF SAMOA.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

The Samoa or Navigators' Islands are a group in the western Pacific between 400 and 500 miles north-east of Fiji. The group consists of nine islands, besides rocks and islets. All, except Rose Island, are volcanic, and are for the most part surrounded by coral reefs. They are very mountainous, well wooded, and of very fertile soil. Four islands alone are of any size, Savaii, Upolu, Tutuila, and Manua (the latter really consisting of four small islands). Savaii, the westernmost and largest, is about 40 miles in length by 20 in breadth and has an estimated area of 700 square miles. Upolu, about 8 miles south-east of Savaii, has an area of between 550 and 600 square miles; on its northern side is the bay and harbor of Apia, the center of all political and commercial life in the Samoan group. Upon this island, the famous novelist, Robert Louis Stevenson, made his home from 1889 and he is buried on the summit of Vailima Mountain there. On this island, also, is the peak of Tafua, 2500 feet high, which forms a perfectly round lava cone and crater, completely filled with a dense forest. Thirty-six miles south-east of Upolu is Tutuila, which possesses a well-sheltered harbor in Pango-Pango.

Samoa has just claims to the title of being the loveliest, most agreeable and productive of the South Sea group. The fertility of the soil is so rich, and the cultivation of tropical plants so delightfully simple, that the necessities of life can be obtained more easily than perhaps anywhere else in the world. The climate is moist and variable, the pleasantest time of the year being from May to November. During the rest of the year heavy rains and gales are frequent and occasionally disastrous hurricanes occur—indeed, in 1850, Apia was almost entirely destroyed by one. Earthquakes are frequent, but are as a rule not very severe.

The islands were visited by Bougainville in 1768, and from him they received the name of Iles des Navigateurs, as a tribute to the skill of the native boatmen. After 1889, Great Britain, Germany and the United States recognized the independence of the Samoan

government, making provision for a supreme court and the regulation of taxation and land claims. By a further agreement between these three powers, in 1899, Upolu and Savaii were assigned absolutely to Germany and the other islands to the United States.

The Samoans belong to the brown Polynesian race and Captain Erskine, the well-known traveler, who explored some of the islands in 1850, says of them:—"The men were a remarkably fine looking set of people, and among them were several over six feet high and of Herculean proportions. One stout fellow attracted attention as soon as he crossed the gangway, and I found that his arm measured above the elbow 15½ inches, whilst that of one of our fore-castle men, probably the stoutest man in the ship, was but 14 inches. . . . The manly beauty of the young men is very remarkable; one in particular, who had decked his hair with the flowers of the scarlet Hibiscus, might have sat for an Antinous. Their features are often beautiful, although the nose is somewhat flatter than with us; but this, I believe, is done by the mothers in the children's early youth as an improvement to their appearance."

Mr. A. R. Wallace, the famous naturalist-traveler, comments on this practice of flattening the nose in his book, "Australasia", and gives other particulars as follows:—"This practice broadens, and to our eyes disfigures, the nose, which is naturally rather long and somewhat arched, as shown by portraits, and can hardly differ in its normal state from that of good-looking Europeans. The hair is dark brown or black, smooth and curly, and totally unlike either the frizzled mop of the Melanesian (i. e., the Papuans), or the perfectly straight black hair of the true Malay. They have little beard generally, though sometimes it grows quite freely. Their average stature is fully equal to that of Europeans. The form of their heads is broad, high, and flattened at the back; the latter feature may, however, be artificial. In character, they are cheerful and joyous, fond of dancing and song and a variety of amusements. Although ceremonious and stately in many of

their customs, gloom and moroseness are contrary to their nature. They are very cleanly in all their habits, and have a taste for neatness and order such as never exists elsewhere among people in a barbarous state. Though without written language, they have abundance of songs and traditions, handed down from one generation to another, as among the ancient bards of our own country."

The Samoans were at one time warlike, though they never exhibited the savage thirst for blood found in the Fijians. In 1836 the group became a chief center of missionary zeal, and since then the character of the people has undergone a complete change. They are great orators and undaunted sailors. Their ceremonies were never polluted by human sacrifices, and cannibalism never became a habit with the Polynesians as a whole.

When visited by Captain Cook, the islands appear to have been very populous and the people remarkably healthy, but they have sadly diminished since, until now the native population of the German islands is less than 30,000. Such has been the effect of contact with European civilisation on a people who were declared by the great navigator, Captain Cook, to be "Liberal, brave, open and candid, without either suspicion or treachery, cruelty or revenge"; while the naturalist, Foster, who accompanied him, declared that he "never saw any of a morose or discontented disposition in the whole nation," and that, "they all join to their cheerful temper a politeness and elegance which is happily blended with the most innocent simplicity of manners." Unfortunately for its inhabitants, the Samoan islands were long the prey of foreign adventurers, whose intrigues caused a chronic native war which lasted from 1875 until the joint protectorate was formed by Britain, Germany and the United States.

According to Wallace, the traditions of the Polynesians point to Savaii, the largest of the Samoan Islands, as the home of their ancestors; and many peculiarities in language and local nomenclature indicate that the various branches of the race, from the Hawaiian Islands to Tahiti, and even to New Zealand, have migrated from this center. Raiatea, 120 miles west of Tahiti, is another mythological center to which many traditions refer, as well as Rarotonga, almost midway between Tahiti and Samoa. These may, certainly, be indications as to the process of dispersion of the Mahori race, but they are of practically no value in determining the origin or first entrance into the Pacific—an event which must be far too remote for legendary lore to afford any trustworthy evidence. Their antiquity is proved by language and by customs. The languages of the Samoans and other brown Polynesians are all dialects of one common tongue; and because many Malay and Javanese words occur in these dialects, it has been hastily assumed by some writers that the Mahoris are really Malays, and originally came direct from the Malay Archipelago, passing by the islands inhabited by the fierce Melanesians till they found unoccupied lands further to the east. But the best authorities are agreed that such was not the case, and assert that a careful study of the Mahori language shows that it is radically distinct from the Malay, both in grammatical structure and vocabulary. The actual Malay words do not exceed 3 or 4 per cent., and as these are mostly modern words, it is quite evident they have been assimilated into the language in quite recent times. Not less clear, according to Mr. Wallace, as evidence of the very remote antiquity of the Polynesians, is the absence of the art of making pottery among the whole of the race; for it implies they left the continent or the western islands before that art was known, its practice being so simple and at the same time so useful, that, once known, it would certainly never have been lost. But on all the great continents and continental islands, this is a universal and very ancient art. There is not a single tribe in the whole

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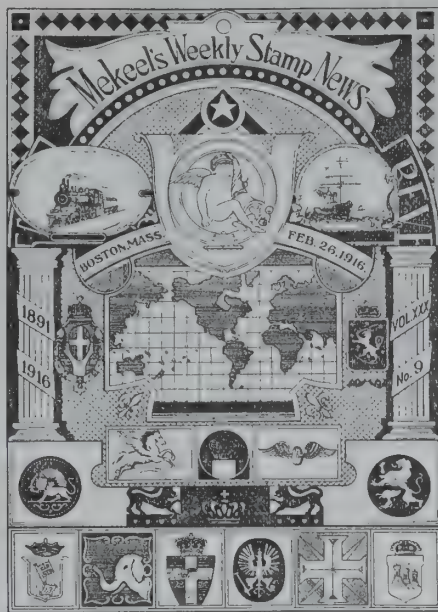
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT STAMPS.

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The War Department Stamps.

The stamps of the War Department follow closely in design those of the departments which have been described in previous chapters. These were first printed by the Continental Bank Note Company in 11 denominations, including the seven cent. The design contains the initials "U." and "S." in the left and right hand upper corners respectively, with "War" and "Dep't" under these.

Dies were made and plates contracted for early and the stamps were printed and delivered between May 24 and July 1, 1873. They were issued for use on the latter date. The manufacturers delivered 440,500 stamps prior to July 1st.

The following plate numbers were used:

1c	No. 48	12c	No. 54
2c	No. 35	15c	No. 87
3c	No. 32	24c	No. 86
6c	No. 60	30c	No. 81
7c	No. 102	90c	No. 89
10c	No. 79		

The stamps made by the Continental Bank Note Company were printed on hard paper with yellowish gum, and come in the following shades:—pale rose red, rose red, dull rose red, pale brown rose, and deep brown rose.

A number of denominations are found on vertical and horizontal ribbed paper. The three cent war department is also found on double paper.

Upon the consolidation of the Continental Bank Note Company with the American Bank Note Company, all denominations except the 7c, 15c, 24c and 90c, were printed by the latter company on soft paper.

Deliveries were made as follows:

In 1873,	1,685,200
In 1874,	1,540,000
In 1875,	2,317,500

Stamps were made and delivered in smaller quantities each succeeding year up to 1884.

Collectors should not overlook the addition of specimens and proofs which may now be obtained at prices lower than those of the future, no doubt.

Specialists will find a great deal of pleasure and some profit in collecting the town cancellations and dates as the war department stamps were in use in every army post throughout the country at that time. Some of these "Fort" cancellations are unique and are well worth the collector's while.

The Treasury Department Stamps.

The general design was followed in the stamps of the Treasury Department. Plates for 11 denominations were made, from one cent to 90 cent, including the seven cent which is missing in some of the departments. The word "Treasury" waves over the medallion and "U. S."

of the Malay Archipelago but what possesses it; and there is evidence in many parts of the world that it dates far back into prehistoric times. In Eastern Asia, where it attained a high development much earlier than in Europe, it is certainly of extreme antiquity. Already mention has been made of the tall stature, curly hair, well formed and rather prominent features, and joyous and laughter loving dispositions of the Samoans and Polynesians generally—all of which characteristics widely separate them from true Malays. Yet they have many characteristics of an Asiatic race, and it therefore seems probable that they came originally, but at a very remote epoch, from some part of Southern Asia, and that they found the islands more or less occupied by dark Melanesians, whom they have displaced, and with whom they partially intermixed.

THE FIRST ISSUE.

Samoa, the youngest of the German colonies, used the ordinary unsurcharged German stamps of the 1889 issue for a short time after the Samoa Treaty of 1899 had given her sole rights to the larger portion of the group. In 1900, these same six values were surcharged "Samoa" reading diagonally upwards from left to right.

Reference List.

1900. German stamps of 1889 surcharged in black.

- 3pf brown, Scott's No. 51.
- 5pf green, Scott's No. 52.
- 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 53.
- 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 54.
- 25pf orange, Scott's No. 55.
- 50pf red brown, Scott's No. 56.

THE SECOND ISSUE.

The surcharged stamps had but a short life, for late in 1900 the colony was supplied with the complete set of thirteen values of the ship type in common with the other German possessions. These call for no special remarks and we have only to record the different denominations.

Reference List.

1900. No Wmk. Perf. 14.

- 3pf brown, Scott's No. 57.
- 5pf green, Scott's No. 58.
- 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 59.
- 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 60.
- 25pf black and red on yellow, Scott's No. 61.
- 30pf black and orange on buff, Scott's No. 62.
- 40pf black and carmine, Scott's No. 63.
- 50pf black and purple on buff, Scott's No. 64.
- 80pf black and carmine on rose, Scott's No. 65.
- 1 mark carmine, Scott's No. 66.
- 2 mark blue, Scott's No. 67.
- 3 mark violet-black, Scott's No. 68.
- 5 mark black and carmine, Scott's No. 69.

None of the Samoan stamps have appeared on the paper with watermark of lozenges.

and "Dep't" at left and right below the word treasury. These stamps, as was the case with other departments, were printed between May 24 and July 1, 1873, and were issued for use on the latter date.

The stamps were made by the Continental Bank Note Company and were printed on hard white paper. There were delivered and ready for use to July 1, 1873, 6,317,500 stamps.

Plate numbers are as follows:

1c	No. 44	12c	No. 46
2c	No. 42	15c	No. 84
3c	Nos. 29-39	24c	No. 134
6c	No. 51	30c	No. 69
7c	No. 103	90c	No. 61
10c	No. 58		

These come in the following shades: pale yellow brown, yellow brown, brown and dark brown.

The following varieties exist: Ribbed paper, so-called, in most denominations; on double paper, 3c, 10c and 90c.

Stamps of the Treasury Department were printed by the American Bank Note Company after the consolidation of that concern and the Continental Bank Note Company. These were on soft porous paper in a velvety brown shade and all denominations have been found printed if all reports are accepted by the American Bank Note Company, except 2c, 7c and 24c.

From the beginning of printing these stamps to December 31, 1873, there were printed and delivered 18,916,400 stamps. In 1874, the only stamps of the Treasury Department printed were the six cent of which 684,000 were delivered. In 1875 there were 5,398,500 stamps delivered.

An interesting section of the collection of these stamps is that of the specimen and proofs. These should not be overlooked and ought to be collected and completed now while prices are within reason. The usual error in the printing of the word "specimen" occurs.

An opportunity is afforded the collector to specialize in town cancellations and year dates. The cheapness of the stamps and the fact that they were used in many sections of the country allows of this form of specialism. These will likely come in handy at some future date when the history of departmental stamps is more thoroughly written.

U. S. TO START AERIAL MAIL SERVICE.

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EDITORIAL.

Here They Are—In the Scott catalogue which recently appeared, the 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2 and 3 cent proprietary are included in the list of the current United States revenue stamps and in the Annual Report of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915, these stamps are included. Early last year, when the WEEKLY included these values in its list of the new revenues, it was declared with every show of reason by many well-informed correspondents, usually, that these certain stamps had not been issued. However, it was shown by the appearance of the 2 cent proprietary which was sent in to us from different sections of the country that it would have to be excepted from the ruling as it had certainly been printed and issued. The 2 cent is the only one of these five stamps that is priced in the catalogue, it may be added. The remaining denominations at least were prepared and though they have not been sent out from Washington, these "mystery stamps" must be reckoned with. The stamps exist; we have seen them.

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Figuring It Out—A study of the proprietary tax schedule will prove that there is no primary need for the 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2 and 3 cent varieties and so it may be contended that the preparation of them was not really necessary as fulfilling a proprietary taxation need. To account for their existence one may resort to theoretical conjecture; and a fair supposition is that the values were in the nature of an emergency issue. Almost up to the time of the actual issue of the wines and cordials series, it was predicted that even by working under pressure with all the extensive resources of the Bureau at command, it would not be possible to distribute the wines and cordials stamps at the beginning of the tax period, December 1, 1914. In fact, the Washington correspondent of one of the great newspapers in his despatch published a day or two before the tax became operative said

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that the proprietary stamps would be used for payment of the wine tax as the wines and cordials stamps could not be got ready in time. Thanks to the facility of the offset printing process, as Director Ralph gratefully acknowledges in his report, the third series was ready for use on the appointed day. The surmise is that in order to be fortified against the possibility of failure to issue special wines and cordials stamps, complementary values were included in the proprietary set but in view of the facility of action of the Bureau, the emergency stamps were not needed. We have been shown the different values under discussion and so, we know that some of these stamps are available for collectors.

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The Explanation—Mr. Roscoe L. Wickes, Chicago, states that these stamps were printed before it was decided to issue the wines and cordials set as separate stamps; and consequently, the department proceeded to print what was then to be known as proprietary wine stamps, so-called, in denominations ranging from one-eighth to twenty cents, the set including stamps of the denominations that would be used for wines and cordials tax payment. When later it was decided that a distinctive set of stamps would be made for wines and cordials, naturally the denominations whose use was not called for under the proprietary tax were not included in the proprietary list on the printed slip that was given out at the revenue offices.

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Adhesive—In a recent issue, under the heading, "No Such Animals," we said: "We have been asked to account for the existence of an entire envelope bearing the three cent, U. S. 1857-60 issue, with the cancellation of Wells, Fargo & Company. An envelope of the kind as well as those with steamboat cancellations and adhesive stamps should not exist, strictly speaking." While the idea of adhesive stamps is not brought forward so forcefully as it should have been in this opening sentence, yet the context of the editorial showed that envelopes bearing adhesive stamps and not stamped envelopes were under notice. The cover on which our remarks were based bore the three cent, 1857-60 adhesive with the Wells, Fargo & Company cancellation, in blue. Several readers have called attention to Wells, Fargo & Company franked envelopes, with and without the stamped envelope, after having read the paragraph and we are pleased to have received from Mr. H. B. Phillips, Berkeley, California, a director of the American Philatelic Society, the letter: "Referring to a recent article in the WEEKLY, 'No Such Animals,' I enclose a copy of Vol. III, No. 2, *Filatellic Facts and Fallacies*, for November, 1894, and refer you to pages 34-35 thereof for

an article by myself that is pertinent to the subject of your article referred to." Mr. Phillips is an authority (and the term is used advisedly) on western franks and his compilation of them issued in 1895 is the only standard we have of these mementos that so nicely combine the postal and the historical. Further, Mr. Phillips conducted a department regularly in *Filatellic Facts and Fallacies*, one of the really valuable philatelic journals that represented San Francisco in years gone by, in which western franks and locals were discussed instructively and interestingly.

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Express Carriers—In the paper that Mr. Phillips sent us there are "Notes on Some Early Provisionals," that tell how many western express carriers organized a profitable business in establishing postal communication with points that the government department, owing to distance from Washington and the sudden fluctuations in population characteristic of mining sections, had not established connections with. Mr. Phillips says that while there was a governmental regulation "that all letters carried by private expresses should be enclosed in Government stamped envelopes and fully prepaid," it sometimes happened that the agents while wishing to observe this requirement could not always do so. Mr. Phillips says: "The easiest and almost universal way out of such a difficulty was had in recourse to the hand stamp for improvising franks for sale to the public, for marking up letters deposited in plain envelopes or without envelopes, for franking letters enclosed in plain Government envelopes deposited for transmission, the expressage on which had been paid in coin." The "Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, San Fran., 16 May," that we have referred to as canceled on the adhesive stamp on envelope does not come under the foregoing classification but as a correspondent says, "In California, Wells, Fargo & Company at one time were granted extraordinary postal privileges; and in some respects, the company vicariously was the postal department." As the envelope under notice was sent from San Francisco (we infer) to Sacramento, it may be accounted for under this explanation.

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Another—Recently, the Chicago *Daily News* published a letter from a prisoner of war, a Belgian soldier in a detention camp in Holland, asking for donations of stamps in order that time might be made to pass more pleasantly through his indulgence in stamp collecting. The writer says: "Mr. Editor: As a Belgian soldier prisoner of war, I am taking the liberty of sending you a little request. I was collecting postage stamps in Belgium and my son, too. Having much time to spend in camp, I would

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1909 Peru, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 20, 50 and 1sol46	.10
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Settled—Opportunities of the recent discussion of the legality of the course of the proprietors of a slot machine that disgorges two 2 cent or four 1 cent stamps for a nickel, Postmaster Campbell of Chicago says that the law against charging over face value for unused United States stamps applies only to those who are in the postal service.

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303	Red Cross, 1915, 5, 10, 20c, 3 var. .20	364	5h-2½pia, 8 var. .60
304	Ger. Occup'n, 3, 5, 10, 20c, 4 var. .20	365	Beyrouth 5 on 1k, 10 on 2k, 2 var. .05
305	Austria, Charity, 1914, 5, 10h, used 2 var. .08	366	Constantinople, 5 on 1k, 10 on 2k, 2 var. .05
306	Charity, 1914, Pictorial 4, 7, 12, 23, 38h, 5 var. .45	367	Dardanelles, 5 on 1k, 10 on 2k, 2 var. .05
307	Occupation, 1915, 1h-25h, surch'd 9 var. .45	368	Jerusalem, 5 on 1k, 10 on 2k, 2 var. .05
308	1915, 1h-25h, unsurch., 9 var. .40	369	Metelin, 5 on 1k, 10 on 2k, 2 var. .05
309	Levant, 8, 10, 20, 30h viol., 4 var. .20	370	Mt. Athos, 5 on 1k, 10 on 2k, 2 var. .05
310	Bosnia, 1914, 1h-20h, 8 var. .30	371	Jaffa, 5 on 1k, 10 on 2k, 2 var. .05
311	Charity, 1914, 7, 12h, used, 2 var. .10	372	Salonica, 5 on 1k, 10 on 2k, 2 var. .05
312	Togo on Gold Coast, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 6p, 1sh, 6 var. 1.00	373	Smyrna, 5 on 1k, 10 on 2k, 2 var. .05
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314	India, I. E. F. 1914, 3p-1r (701-710) 10 var. 2.50	375	Kerassunde 5p, Rizeh 5p, 2 var. .05
315	Greece, Charity, 21, 51, 2 var. .04	376	Denmark, Newspaper, 1907, 1, 5, 7, 10, 20, 38o, 1kr, 7 var. used, .06
316	Postage, 1911, 1, 2, 31, 3 var. .05	377	Ecuador, Postal Revs., 1897, 2c, 10c, 1s, 5s, 10s, 5 on 4c (Nos. 357 etc.) unused, 6 var. .12
317	Macedonia, 1912, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 20l, black surch., 7 var. .35	378	Hungary, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25k, used, 6 var. .75
318	5, 20, 25, 40l, red surch., 4 var. .60	379	2, 3, 5, 14, 20k, used, 5 var. .05
319	Epirus, Eagle, 1, 5, 10, 25, 50l, (15-19), 5 var. .40	380	North Borneo, 1887-90, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10c, imperforate, used, 9 var. 1.00
320	North Epirus, 1915, 11-50l, (No. 49, etc.) 8 var. .50	PERSIA, Great Bargains.	
321	Samos, 11-1d (Nos. 630-635), 6 var. .80	381	1889, 1, 2, 5, 10c, 1k, used (No. 73 etc.) 5 var. .08
322	Hungary, Charity, 1914, 1f-6f, used, 6 var. .20	382	1898, 1c-50k, unused, fine (104-119) 16 var. .75
323	1914, 1f-60f, used, 14 var. 1.00	383	1899, 1c-50k brown unused, fine (136-151) (Cat. 3.00) 16 var. .75
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325	1914, 1f-5k (168-184), 17 var., rare 5.50	385	1902, 1c-50k (173-190) used, (cat. 2.50) 16 var. .75
326	Italy, 1913, 2c on 5c, 10c, 15c, 3 var. .08	386	10-100 toman (378-382) unused, (cat. 5.00) 5 var. 1.00
327	Crete, La Canea, 1c-50c, 9 var. 1.00	387	1906, 1c-13c (422-427) used, 6 var. .10
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330	Calimno, 2c, 5c, 2 var. .05	390	Official, 1903, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, Service used, 6 var. .10
331	2-50c, complete, 7 var. .65	391	1903, 1c-10kr (888-897) used, (cat. 1.30) 10 var. .40
332	Caso, 2c, 5c, 2 var. .05	392	Salvador, 1906, 1c-100c (336-348) unused, (cat. 1.65) 12 var. .60
333	2c-50c, complete, 7 var. .65	393	1906, 1c-100c Official (751-760) unused, (cat. 5.00) 10 var. .60
334	Cos, 2c, 5c, 2 var. .05	394	Sudan, 1897, 2, 5m, 5 O. S. G. S. Ipi, unused, 4 var. .06
335	2-50c, complete, 7 var. .65	395	Thessaly, 1897, 10p-5pia, used set on original cover, 5 var. .25
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358	Russia, War stamps, 1914, 1, 3, 7, 10k, 4 var. .25		
359	Russia Levant, 1900-10, 5, 5, 4, 10p, 4 var. .10		
360	Levant 1900-4, 4, 10, 20pa, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10pia, 8 var. 1.75		
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Capt. Karl Pember's discovery of the double transfers of the current 12-cent United States stamp, perforated 12, has, naturally, caused many students of United States stamps to look for the varieties. I, among others, have given some the once over and good fortune smiled, because I have been discovering many of the doubles.

In fact, I have found a triple entry of the transfer roll evident in the same 12-cent stamps. It occurs in the lower right pane of plate No. 6900. To the left of it the next stamp is a normal one, and to the right a double is found.

I have also examined quite a quantity of the 12-cent stamps perforated 10, and I find that the double transfers occur on them also. This is a natural course of events, because the same plates were used both for stamps perforated 12 and those perforated 10.

Although it may have been chronicled, a recent notice that the 50-cent stamps had not appeared yet with the 10 perf. causes me to let you know that such a stamp has appeared. Dropping a copy

into benzine, I was confused by the fact that it was without a watermark. I would have passed it by, thinking that it might perhaps have an end of a letter faintly watermarked somewhere near its edge, but for the circumstance that I saw the announcement in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, where it was stated that our United States stamps were coming without watermark.

Regarding the latter, there seems to be some reason for such a thing as unwatermarked stamps come to pass as a philatelic event of the War. Collectors surely know that the dandy rolls, used for impressing the watermark in paper during its manufacture, especially the dandy rolls used for the United States postage stamp paper, have come from England. Now, England at war, and in need of every scrap of brass and copper, it seems probable that few, if any, dandy rolls, which are made of brass and copper or brass only, are coming from that country. The American paper manufacturers' dandy rolls are perhaps worn out and if they cannot be replaced, since the war continues, the result is that watermarked postage stamp paper is, at least temporarily nil.

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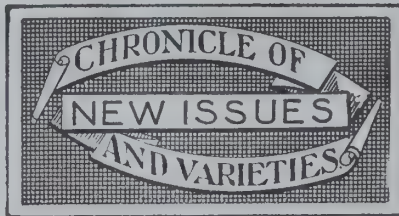
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UNITED STATES.—J. M. Bartels reports the following new envelopes:

Denom.	Die.	Var.	Size.	Paper.	Knife.	Wmk.
1c	A	13	Amber	89	19	
2c	A	3	Blue	92	19	
2c	A ²	5	Amber	87	19	
2c	D	v. 4	White	87	20	

BRAZIL.—Maury's *Collectionneur* reports that Brazil issued a stamp Nov. 13, 1915, to commemorate the Tricentenary of the discovery of Cape Frio in 1615. The stamp is a large oblong, with a view of Cape Frio, "Tricentenario Cabo Frio" above and "1615 13 de Novembro 1915" below the picture. At the bottom of the stamp are the words "Brazil" and "Correio" in large letters, separated by a shield bearing "100 Reis." A conventional border of foliage completes the design.

Adhesive.

100r blue green.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—According to Hermann Focke, the 1c green, with overprint of purple network, issued early in December, is just coming through the mails.

CHILE.—The latest provisional from Chile has been shown us by Hermann Focke, the 2c green on white envelope of 1911 having been surcharged "10" in three places in large figures, with "Diez Centavos" below the stamp.

Provisional Envelope.

10c on 2c green on white; black surcharge.

DENMARK.—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* reports that the 1 ore and 5 ore values of the official set and the 5k value of the postage set have been seen on the paper watermarked multiple crosses.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* supplies the missing links in the locally printed set, overprinted "1915" in carmine, and we find that Mr. Focke's prediction in No. 1291 as to the probable colors is completely borne out. We have already noted the ½c, 1c, 2c, and 20c.

Adhesives.

5c lilac and black.
10c blue and black.
50c green and black.
1p orange and black.

ECUADOR.—Another stamp of the design of the 1911-13 set has been issued in a single color, like the 5c recently noted. The 3c is the victim this time, and as the new printing is in jet black, it presents a sombre appearance, compared with the original issue. As we have but one stamp, we are unable to say whether it was printed in one impression. Jacques Krebs has shown us the stamp.

Adhesive.

3c black.

FRENCH INDIA.—A new printing of the Red Cross stamps for this Colony has been made, the only difference from the original printing being the position of the Red Cross and new value. As only 20,000 were overprinted, they will be comparatively rare.

HAYTI.—Hermann Focke has now shown us the 50c claret of 1904, sur-

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MEXICO.—In a recent note, Roy S. Farley relates a little experience which well illustrates the difficulties attending philatelic activities in Mexico, even when one proceeds along legitimate lines. We quote: "Nine months or so ago, I sent a letter to the Postmaster at La Paz, Southern California, enclosing a five peso bill and requesting him to forward the value in stamps of 'Distrito Sur. de la Baja Cal.' printing. Under date of June 7, 1915, the Postmaster replied, returning the money and stating that there were none of the stamps available." This letter was duly registered and postmarked at La Paz, June 7, but was not received in Ensenada until January 4 of this year, when the "Certificado" postmark of that office was placed on the cover. Later postmarks were stamped at San Diego, Cal., January 8, and Colton, Cal., January 10. Seven months to go a matter of 1200 miles! Safe, but slow? It may be interesting to note that the cover was the 10c blue envelope of 1910, with head of Hidalgo, and in addition was franked with a 20c stamp of the 1910 issue, overprinted "Gobierno Constitucionalista."

We are indebted to S. A. Ware and Thomas J. Gabriel for further information regarding the perforated 10c stamp of the recent issue. According to both correspondents, the perforated 10c is in a darker shade than the rouletted one. Mr. Ware mentions many other points of difference, including a hard, smooth, semi-transparent paper, much whiter than the rouletted, with the whole design changed in detail and cleaner cut.

Hermann Focke sends us the 1p value of the engraved series, issued from Mexico City by the Carranza Government. This stamp is of the same size and shape as the 40c recently noted, but is printed in two colors. The frame is conventional, but the centre shows the Light-house at Vera Cruz. The title is printed below the frame to the left, and the name of the printer to the left.

Adhesive.

1p yellow brown and black.

Mr. Focke also reports the 2c and 5c of the lithographed set as coming perforated 12, and S. A. Ware reports the 2c in the same form.

PERU.—Jacques Krebs has shown us two new provisionals, the 12c of 1905 and the 10c of 1907 having been surcharged with new values and date, "1915" in deep lake.

Provisional Adhesives.

"Un Centavo" on 10c red brown and black.
"2 Centavos" on 12c deep blue and black.

THE 10c U. S. 1890, 1894-8.

By A. B. SLATER, Slocums, R. I.

Referring to the article by R. McP. Cabeen on page 16 of your issue of 8th inst., and to the three remarkably well drawn illustrations, I wish to say in response to his last sentence that I have a few *die* (not plate) proofs from the die referred to and showing its several stages. Each one is in the normal color of the stamp of the period represented, and all have wide margins. They are as follows:—

No. 1.—Type of 1890 (no triangles) showing oval and corner ornaments as per Cabeen's upper figure. (Plates E 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30.)

No. 2.—Type of 1890 (no triangles) showing oval and corner ornaments as per Cabeen's lower figure. (I believe no plate was made showing this stage of the die.)

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No. 4.—Type of 1898 (in brown with triangles) on careful examination with glass is of same figure as No. 3 but cursory examination would class it as like Cabeen's middle figure as the lines inside the white oval are not missing but appear to be much reduced. This could be intentionally done on the die only by grinding or otherwise cutting down the face of the whole die which is out of the question, but possibly might have been done in the process of making the transfer rolls if the die were not as hard as it should be. The proof prints are all clear and sharp so it is not a case of imperfect printing. I have in my collection pairs of the orange brown stamps showing in the same pair both the middle and lower types of Cabeen's but this is due only to defective printing or wear of plate. Won't some plate number collector give us list of plates specifying types?

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

CHAPTER V—(Continued).

With regard to the varieties perforated 13 and 14—while these are undoubtedly rare, all the evidence strongly points to the fact that they are unofficial varieties, a statement, we believe, which has never been seriously combated by students of the early Canadian stamps.

Thus, most of the "contrary" evidence adduced by Mr. King carries no weight with it at all. The most interesting point he raises is the fact that, though the 7½d and 10d denominations were current at the same time as the ½d, 3d and 6d, these values were not perforated. So far as the 10d is concerned this seems all the more strange when it is considered that one supply of this value was certainly printed after September, 1857, the date of the Report mentioning the adoption of perforation.

Mr. Howes has made diligent search through official records and carefully scanned itemised reports of more or less petty expenditures, and he was unable to find any reference whatsoever to a disbursement such as would have been necessary had the Government purchased a perforating machine or had the stamps perforated by some private concern. It is, therefore, unquestionable that the natural course—i. e., that the manufacturers should perforate the stamps—was the one followed.

The real root cause of all the problems surrounding these perforated stamps seems to lie in the general acceptance of the assumption that they were issued in 1857 or early in 1858—an assumption that appears to be entirely devoid of the support of tangible facts when the matter is scrutinised thoroughly. Mr. Howes has delved into the subject with his usual thoroughness and his deductions are so well founded that we imagine no unbiased student will venture to do other than agree that his findings are fully borne out by the history of the stamps so far as we know it. We, therefore, make no apology for reproducing his arguments in full:—

The date usually assigned to the appearance of the perforated stamps is January, 1858. The London Society gave simply "1857," which is apparently set down merely because they have just quoted the announcement from the Postmaster General's Report for that year. Evans and Moens, in their catalogues, both name the date as November, 1858. Unfortunately, no more authoritative statement has been found, except that in Messrs. Corwin and King's article they say "Mr. Hooper positively states that it took place in January, 1858." Mr. John R. Hooper was at that time (1890) connected with the Canadian Post Office Department at Ottawa and took pains to look up much information for the above-mentioned gentlemen. His reasons for the "positive statement" are not given, and inasmuch as he is quoted elsewhere as saying that "the records of the Post Office Department are silent as to where this perforation was performed and by whom," and also seems a little uncertain in some other details, we feel that further confirmation is needed.

In our table above we have given the supplies received after the 30th September, 1857, and deducted the remainders so as to have the actual number issued. The 10d has already proved a stumbling block, for it was not perforated at all! Next we find the 6d to the number of 150,000, when the total issue, including the laid paper, was but 400,000; yet the catalogue value of the imperforates is some \$6 for each variety, and of the perforated stamp at least \$30! Can anyone doubt that all these 150,000 6d stamps were not perforated? In the case of the 3d we have one and a third millions to compare with a total issue of three and a half millions—

about a third in the supposed perforated class. Yet the catalogue value of the latter is \$2.50 against 36 cents for the wove paper imperforate alone. With the ½d stamp there are two millions against a total of three and a third millions, or about two to one in favor of the supposed perforated stamps, yet the latter are double the catalogue price of the former! The only conclusion to be drawn from these regularly appearing inconsistencies in each value is that all the supplies after 30th September, 1857, were not perforated, as the 10d stamp very glaringly intimates!

If this be so, is it not possible that the order to perforate the new supplies was given to the manufacturers much later than has hitherto been thought to be the case? It hardly seems likely that this improvement would be ordered for a few supplies and then dropped, only to re-appear a year and a half later as a permanent feature of the new set. Once adopted it was more than likely to be retained.

Let us see, then, just for curiosity's sake, what the supplies of the last six months of issue yield us for data. For the ½d we find 850,000 roughly, with 60,000 remainders. Call it 800,000 issued which, if perforated, would be a quarter of the total issue of ½d stamps, or a ratio to the imperforates of one to three. This is not so far away from the catalogue ratio of two to one (inversely, of course,) in the value of the perforated stamps. With the 3d stamp we have 450,000 roughly, with 20,000 remainders, say 430,000 issued. Of a total issue of 3,500,000 this represents one-eighth, or a ratio of one to seven. The inverse ratio of seven to one for catalogue value comes pretty close when we compare \$2.50 with 36 cents! In the case of the 6d there are 70,000, less 17,500 remainders, or 52,500. This is approximately one-eighth the total issue of 400,000, or again a ratio of one in seven. The inverse ratio of seven to one for a catalogue value would make the perforated stamp list \$42 with the imperforate at \$6. But both laid and wove paper 6d stamps list at approximately \$6, whereas, if all had been issued on but one variety of paper, we might find, perhaps, a single list price of, say \$4. With this as a basis, the catalogue value of \$30 for the perforated 6d is in as close agreement with our supposition as are the others. And, best of all, the second supply of the 10d stamp is disposed of without any difficulty whatever under this hypothesis!

It may be argued that reasoning thus from catalogue prices is too uncertain to prove of value. Granted in many cases. But here is an issue from fifty to sixty years old; the stamps were regularly used in increasing numbers during their years of issue; they have always been popular and eagerly collected, so that the stock in existence has been pretty well handled and pretty well distributed. Under these conditions the catalogue prices should by this time reflect fairly accurately the relative rarity of the main varieties of each stamp at least; and it is this relative rarity that we are after in order to approximate the original supplies of the main varieties. The result is certainly of more than mere interest, the agreement being such that we are tempted to lay down the following propositions in regard to the perforated stamps for further proof or disproof:—

First. The regular perforation (gauge 12) was done by the manufacturers and applied to the last requisitions previous to the change to decimal stamps.

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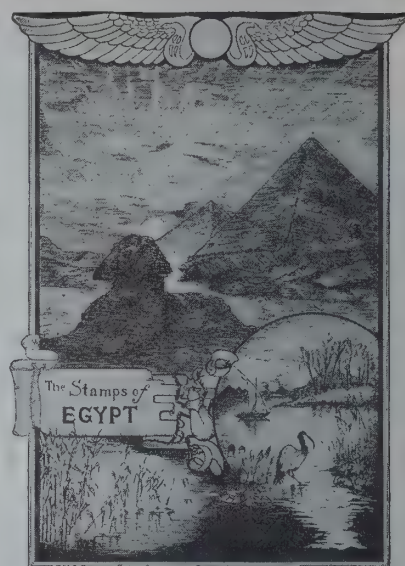
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—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Chas. H. Hennann (13), Raymond V. Seaman and H. E. Crede (2).

—E. F. Blackmarr has purchased the stock of P. W. Riedell and commences this week an advertising campaign by using our columns. Mr. Blackmarr comes well recommended and we hope he will get a fair share of WEEKLY business. Mr. Blackmarr's address is:—4609 Cambridge St., Duluth, Minn.

—We do not usually review auction catalogs but the one on our desk from the Franklin Stamp Co. listing the contents of the sale to be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18 and 19, is so unusually interesting that it seems deserving of review. The sale was arranged and cataloged by Percival Parrish and consists of specialized Papua, specialized Netherlands and colonies, together with a fine general collection especially strong in 20th century. The listing of the Papua collection is a very comprehensive work and is accompanied by an article written by Wm. H. Matthes giving a specialized list of "The Main Varieties of the Bi-Colored Papuan Stamps." We congratulate the firm upon the catalog it has produced.

—F. W. McCreery of Rockville, Conn., resumes his advertising this week. Mr. McCreery used the WEEKLY last spring for a considerable period of time. He was, however, compelled to enter a hospital for a serious operation and now that he has returned home he again takes space in our columns. His numerous correspondents will join with us in sincere wishes for his speedy recovery.

—In the *Popular Science Monthly* for February is an article "Mining the Air Against Zeppelins" written by Carl Dienstbach. It occupies the leading place in the magazine and is of interest to philatelists in that the writer throws cold water upon the bomb-carrying balloons invented by Jos. A. Steinmetz of Philadelphia. It will be remembered that some months ago the WEEKLY stated that Mr. Steinmetz had succeeded in securing favorable consideration of his invention by the English military authorities.

—"Referring to complaints against Charles L. Hall of this city, which you forwarded to the Department at Washington, I have to inform you that I caused the arrest of Hall on the 20th instant on the charge of using the mails in a scheme to defraud. Therefore, kindly forward to me direct any additional complaints against this party which come to your attention."—Inspector in Charge, Chicago, Ill.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

40th MAIL AUCTION

BIDS CLOSE FEB. 15, 1916.

Stamps sold by the lot. Bids must be made in multiples of 5c. Stamps in average condition, unless otherwise noted. Stamps forwarded to customers with whom we have had satisfactory relations, or to those who file satisfactory references. Others must forward cash before delivery. No lots sent on approval but stamps may be returned within three days, if not in accordance with description. No charges made for buying, but postage and registration are always extra and must be forwarded with remittance. No bids accepted below face for current unused stamps.

Lot.	U. S. POSTAGE.	Cat.
1	New York, 5c, No. 17, used; cut nearly across; red canc.; great space filler if repaired	\$9.00
2	1851-56, 3c, beautiful pair on covers ..	
3	1851-56, 3c, two copies on covers, blue canc.	
4	1857-60, 10c, No. 50; 1861, 10c, No. 68, used; defective ..	
5	1857-60, Reprint, 1c bright blue, unused, no gum, very fine ..	3.00
6	1861, August 12c, India prof. v. fine ..	
7	1861-62, 1c, 2c, 5c, Nos. 63, 73, 76, used; 5c off centre ..	1.25
8	1869, 3c, 5 unused copies, part off cent., no gum ..	5.00
9	1869, 10c, unused, perf. cut into design at bottom, otherwise fine ..	7.50
10	1869, 1c to 12c, 6 var., India proofs, very fine ..	
11	1869, Reissue of 75, No. 133, fine, un'd ..	6.00
12	1870-71, 2c, No. 146, unused, no gum, off cent.	1.50
13	1870-71, 1c, No. 134; 1888, 30c, No. 217, used ..	1.25
14	1870-71, 90c, No. 155, used ..	1.50
15	1873, 15c, No. 163, used, off cent.	1.25
16	Columbian, 1c to 15c, unused, 9 var. 1.53	
17	Columbian, 30c & 50c, unused, latter very fine ..	1.75
18	Columbian, \$1, unused, very fine ..	3.00
19	Columbian, \$1, unused, slightly off cent., good ..	3.00
20	Columbian, \$2, un'd, part gum, good ..	3.50
21	Columbian, \$3, unused, very fine ..	5.50
22	Columbian, \$4, unused, very good ..	6.50
23	Columbian, \$5, unused, very good ..	7.50
24	Parcel Post, 50c, 10 used, good ..	5.00
25	1895, No. 367, unused strip of 3, imprint and plate No.	
26	Agriculture, 1c, unused, off centre ..	3.50
27	Agriculture, 10c, un'd, centred at top ..	6.00
28	Agriculture, 30c, un'd, badly off cent.	5.00
29	Justice, 90c, India proof, very fine ..	
30	Navy, 30c, unused, very fine ..	5.00
31	Post Office, 1c, 3c, 10c, 24c, used ..	2.35
32	Post Office, cpl. set cardboard proofs ..	
33	State, 2c, dark green, unused, very fine ..	5.00
34	State, 15c, unused, slightly off cent.	
35	War, 24c, unused block of 4, fine ..	4.50
36	War, 30c, No. 591, fine un'd blk. of 4 ..	2.00
37	War, 90c, fine unused blk. of 4 ..	4.00
38	Postage Due, 1891, 1c-50c cpl., used ..	1.69
39	Newspaper, 84c, No. 1018, cent. to left, used, fair ..	10.00
40	Newspaper, \$5, No. 1094, used, beauty ..	6.00
41	Newspaper, \$50, No. 1097, used, good ..	3.50
42	Newspaper, \$100, No. 1098, used, very fine ..	3.00
43	Local, No. 2501, cut to shape, two on cover, very fine ..	
44	Boston "Penny Post Paid" No. 815, cut and neatly mended, otherwise fine, rare ..	20.00
45	Western Union Tel., 1872, No. 2261, unused ..	2.00
45B	Western Union Tel., 1878, No. 2267, unused ..	4.00
46	McGreeley's Klondike Express, block of 6, no gum ..	
47	Linn's Handbooks on U. S. stamps, 4 vols., paper bound ..	
48	1c Playing Cards, off centre ..	3.00
49	25c Insurance, double perfs. top and bottom ..	
50	25c Ins., 50c Mortgage, 50c Surety Bond, part perf.	2.00
51	50c Entry of Goods, part perf.	2.00
U. S. ENVELOPES.		
52	1853-55, 6c red on white, No. 1806, used, big margins, fine ..	2.50
53	1853-55, 6c green on white, No. 1807, used, big margins, fine ..	3.00
54	1853-55, 6c on buff, No. 1815, used big margins, very fine ..	2.00
55	1853-55, 6c green on buff, used, very fine ..	3.00
56	1853-55, 10c green on buff, used, two shades, superb ..	4.00
57	1857-61, 1c on buff, No. 1828, used entire ..	
58	1857-61, 1c on buff, unused cut sq. 1.25	
59	1857-61, 3c on buff, two entire, fine ..	3.50
60	1861, 6c Scott's No. 1333, entire ..	2.00
61	1887, 90c, No. 1578, unused ..	2.50
62	1887, 90c, No. 1584, unused ..	2.50
63	Centennial, both colors, cut sq., used ..	1.25
64	90c on amber, No. 1560, entire ..	2.50
65	Wrapper, 2c, No. 1719a, unused ..	1.00
66	Env. stamps cut to shape, 65 copies, 1893 to 1903, few dupes, cat. high ..	
67	War, 3c on blue, entire, unused ..	
68	War, 12c, Scott's No. 1828, entire un'd ..	1.50
69	War, 30c, Scott's 1831 ..	4.00
70	War, 3c, Scott's 1825; 12c, Scott's 1843, entire ..	1.35
71	War, 6c, Scott's 1849, entire ..	2.00
72	2c, Scott's No. 1597a ..	3.00
Above envelopes, are cut square, with very large margins, unless otherwise specified.		
Lots 73 to 95 are Bartels' numbers and Bartels' prices, and are all unused entire.		
73	1864, 24c, Bartels' 205 ..	2.00
74	1865, 40c, Bartels' 207 ..	2.50
75	1870, 12c, Bartels' 330 ..	4.00
76	1870, 12c, Bartels' 332 ..	3.50
77	Unused entire, Bartels' 296, 370, 1157 ..	1.60
78	1870, 15c, Bartels' 335a ..	6.50
79	1870, 15c orange, Bartels' 337 ..	4.50
80	1870, 15c, Bartels' 337a ..	6.50

Lot.	Cat.
81 1870, 90c, Bartels' 350	4.50
82 2c on orange, Bartels' 398	1.75
83 1874, 15c on white, Bartels' 608	2.00
84 30c on white, Bartels' 620	1.75
85 1870, 90c on white, Bartels' 348	5.00
86 1874, 15c on white, Bartels' 605	2.50
87 2c on blue, Bartels' 830	1.50
88 Unused entires, Bartels' 816, 817, 1298; Postal Service, Nos. 1810, 1813; 4c on blue, Scott's 1529 .....	.99
89 Unused entires, Bartels' 836, 843, 850, 863, 899, 903	1.30
90 Unused entires, Bartels' 859, 864, 865, 867 .....	.62
91 1887, 90c, Bartels' 1334	1.80
92 30c on blue, Bartels' 1182	3.00
93 1886, 30c on oriental buff, Bartels' 1188	2.50
94 90c on manila, Bartels' 1189	7.00
95 War, 3c, Bartels' 3247	1.50
96 War, 20c, Scott's 1821, entire unused	2.25

FOREIGN.

97	Antigua, 11 stamps, 9 used, good lot ..	8.70
98	Antigua, 4d, No. 10, used, fine ..	1.25
99	Pahamas, 4d, No. 14, used, slight tear ..	2.00
100	Barbados, 4d, No. 15a, used ..	2.50
101	Barbados, 1871, 1d, No. 29, used ..	1.00
102	Barbados, 1d, No. 33, used, off cent.	1.00
103	Bavaria, 1867, 9kr, No. 18, used, trimmed close ..	1.25
104	Bermuda, 1865, 1d, No. 1, 2d, No. 2, used ..	.75
105	Bermuda, 3d, No. 6, used, small tear ..	3.50
106	Br. Guiana, 8c, No. 31, perf. 13, used ..	2.50
107	Br. Guiana, 24c, No. 68, used ..	1.25
108	Howes' Book on Canada, new copy, as published, paper cover ..	3.00
109	Canada, 10c, No. 10a, used, off cent.	1.00
110	Canada, 10c, No. 16a, pen canc., good ..	1.00
111	Cape Good Hope, 3d on 3d, unused, no gum, thin spot ..	1.50
112	Cayman Islands, 1sh, White Backs, unused block of 4 ..	2.00
113	Chile, 10c, No. 10, used, good ..	1.00
114	Chile, 1912-13, 10c, No. 116, 100 used ..	3.00
115	Chinese Treaty Ports, 20 var. unused locals ..	2.00
116	Colombia, 20c, No. 82, used ..	2.00
117	Ecuador, No. 73a, inverted surch., 5 unused copies ..	3.25
118	Another lot like last ..	3.25
119	Still another lot ..	3.25
120	Fiji Islands, 1sh, White Backs, unused block of 4 ..	2.40
121	Fr. Colonies, Nos. 29, 32, 35, 41, 43, all used ..	2.35
122	Germany, T. & T., So. Dist., 90kr orange, No. 52, used, trimmed close, good ..	5.00
123	Germany, T. & T., So. Dist., Nos. 47, 54, used, one damaged ..	1.56
124	Gold Coast, 3d, White Backs, unused block of 4 ..	1.00
125	Gt. Britain, 9d, No. 106, used, very good ..	3.00
126	Gt. Britain, Levant, 1 1/2d, No. 1153 un'd pair on chalky paper, superb ..	1.20
127	Grenada, 6d, No. 24, Tete Beche, unused pair ..	1.25
128	Grenada, 3d, White Backs, unused block of 4 ..	1.00
129	Grenada 1sh, White Backs, unused block of 4 ..	2.40
130	Hanover, 2 cut sq. local envelopes, Bright's price ..	1.75
131	Hawaii, \$1, No. 49, used, off cent.	8.00
132	Hawaii, 1883-86, 12c, No. 46, unused, slightly off cent., but very fine copy ..	2.25
133	Lagos, 1875, 2d blue, No. 8, used, fine ..	1.50
134	Lagos, 1875, 6d green, used, fine ..	1.50
135	Mauritius, 1879-80, 17c rose, unused ..	1.75
136	Montenegro, 1874-93, 8 var. used ..	1.23
137	Montserrat, 1884-85, 3d, 1d, 2 1/2d ultramarine, 4d red lilac, unused and fine ..	2.80
138	Nabha, 1/2a Service, No. 118, unused block of 6 ..	1.50
139	Natal, 1/2d on 1d, No. 71, unused ..	1.75
140	Nevis, 1d, No. 22, unused, fine ..	4.00
141	Newfoundland, 1863, 1sh rose, unused cor. blk. of 4, wide margins, superb ..	6.00
142	Newfoundland, 1866, 5c brown, No. 25, used, cor. defective, looks well ..	6.00
143	Newfoundland, 1867-73, 3c vermilion, No. 31, used, off centre ..	3.50
144	Newfoundland, 1867-73, 3c blue, used, off centre, good ..	1.00
145	New So. Wales, 1860, 5sh dull violet used one straight edge, otherwise good ..	1.75
146	New So. Wales, 1882-88, 8d, No. 67, unused, little off centre, good ..	2.50
147	Niger Coast, 1893, 1sh gray black, No. 13a, fine unused block of 4 ..	8.00
148	Nova Scotia, 1d red brown, No. 1, used, trimmed close at right, otherwise fine ..	10.00
149	Nova Scotia 1851-53, 3d dark blue, pen canc., good ..	2.50
150	Oldenburg, 3g on yellow, No. 8 used, outer line cut at left ..	25.00
151	Oldenburg, 1862, 1g orange, rouletted 11 1/2, unused, no gum ..	4.00
152	Orange River Colony, 1896, 3d on 3d No. 40c, fine used copy, rare thus ..	3.00
153	Panama, 5c, No. 10a, un'd block of 6 ..	3.00
154	Panama, 2c on 50c, No. 182, unused no gum, inverted surch.	2.00
155	Paraguay, 1887, 1c, 2c, unused, 5c, 7c, 10c used, good ..	1.57
156	Peru, 1860, 1p retouched, No. 11 used ..	1.25
157	Peru, Nos. 62, 64, unused, Nos. 80, 146, 148, 150, 151, used ..	2.05
158	Philippines, 5c, Nos. 12, 13, 14, first unused ..	8.00
159	Philippines, 1870, 20c, No. 41, pen cancelled ..	4.00
160	Philippines, 1870, 40c, No. 42, pen cancelled ..	3.00
161	Rhodesia, Nos. 83 to 92, unused, very fine lot ..	1.54
162	St. Lucia, 4d yellow, No. 12, used ..	3.00
163	St. Lucia, 6d pale lilac, No. 13, used fine ..	3.00
164	St. Lucia, 2 1/2d, No. 17, un'd, no gum ..	2.00
165	St. Lucia, 4d, No. 21, used, very good ..	3.00
166	St. Lucia, 6d, No. 22, unused, fine ..	1.75
167	St. Lucia, 1883-85, 1sh, No. 32, used, perfs. cut off top ..	20.00
168	St. Vincent, 5d on 6d, No. 57, unused, fine ..	1.00

Lot.		Cat.
169	St. Vincent, 4d, No. 58; 5d, No. 60, unused, fine	1.40
170	St. Vincent, 1883-88, 5sh carmine lake unused, well centered, superb	3.50
171	Salvador, 1896, Postage Due, 1c & 2c, imperf., unused, wide margins	...
172	Saxony, 5ng, No. 20, used, perfs. cut into design at top	1.00
173	Schleswig Holstein, 1 1/4s No. 23, used, poor	1.50
174	Sierra Leone, 1884-92, 1sh, No. 30, unused, no gum	1.00
175	St. Settlements, Johore, No. 11, used	2.50
176	Tobago, 1883, 2 1/2d on 6d, No. 13, un'd	1.50
177	Tobago, 1883-84, 3d & 1d, Nos. 14 and 15, unused	1.45
178	Tobago, 1885-94, Nos. 19 to 23, complete, unused	1.46
179	Tobago, 1/2d on 4d, No. 25, unused	2.50
180	Tobago, 2 1/2d on 4d, No. 29, unused	1.50
181	Transvaal, 2d on 3d, No. 136, used, off cent.	1.25
182	Transvaal, 1887-92, 2sh 6d, beautiful used pair	1.70
183	Trinidad, 1d, No. 39, unused, off centre, defective	6.50
184	Turks Island, 1882-84, 2 1/2d, No. 44, unused	.75
185	Two Sicilies, 2g, No. 13a, used, trimmed close at bottom	1.50
186	Uruguay, Nos. 68, 79, 80, 156, 157, 158, used	2.10
187	Uruguay, 1897, "Paz", Nos. 130, 132, 133, unused	1.50
188	Uruguay, Official, No. 310, un'd, fine	2.00
189	Uruguay, Official, No. 311b, unused vertical pair, inverted surcharge	1.00
190	Uruguay, Official, No. 312, unused, superb	3.50
191	Uruguay, Official, No. 311, unused pair; No. 314, used	1.50
192	Uruguay, Official, No. 320, used	1.50
193	Uruguay, Official, Nos. 369, 369a, 370, 371, 373, used, good	2.32
194	Uruguay, Official, No. 372a, surcharge inverted, used, fine	1.50
195	Uruguay, Official, Nos. 372 and 374, used, fine	2.25
196	Victoria, 1d, No. 74, one str. edge, no gum	5.00
197	Victoria, Nos. 110, 118, 138, 151a, used, one slight tear	2.70
198	Virgin Islands, 1880, 1d, No. 10, un'd	2.00
199	Virgin Islands, 4d yell., No. 12, un'd	3.00
200	Virgin Islands, 1sh, No. 20, un'd, fine	3.00
201	West Australia, 2d, No. 37, unused	2.50
202	West Australia, 1d, No. 89, postmarked "Ship Letter" pair, left with double postmark	...
203	Lot 44 foreign stamps, cat about	4.50
204	Lot 80 foreign stamps, cat about	9.75
205	Lot 75 foreign stamps, used and un'd	5.20
206	Lot 390 foreign stamps, pairs, strips and blocks, some unused, cat. by owner at over	14.00

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

E. M. CARPENTER, Pres.; A. P. BROWN, Vice Pres.; F. W. STILES, 310 Warren St., Roxbury, Mass., Sec.; OSCAR HILL, 60 State St., Boston, Mass., Foreign Sec.; G. CARLETON RUSSELL, 38 Wellesley Park, Dorchester, Mass., Treas.; A. M. Wright, Supt. Auctions; C. W. TUTTLE, Supt. Sales and Bourse.

Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 8.15 P.M.

Jan. 20, 1916.

The 350th (regular) meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society was called to order at 7.30 p. m. this evening by Pres. Carpenter.

The Treasurer's monthly statement was read and approved, followed by his annual report. Annual reports of the President and other officers were read.

A list of prizes to be given to those who bring in the largest number of members during the coming year was read. This list includes a \$5 U. S. surcharged Philippines, a pair of 4 anna India, No. 5, a \$10 gold piece, a block of ten 6 penny Newfoundland and a prize for each member bringing in a new member. Full details of this will be published later.

The resignation of Messrs. A. C. Needham, S. G. Rich and Joseph S. Rich were read and accepted.

Mr. Lynde Sullivan was elected to membership as No. 613.

The application of Mr. H. F. Bucknam was posted.

The annual election of officers then took place and resulted as follows: Mr. E. M. Carpenter, Pres.*; Mr. A. P. Brown, Vice Pres.*; Mr. G. Carleton Russell, Treasurer*; Mr. Frederic W. Stiles, Sec.*; Mr. Oscar Hill, Foreign Sec.*; Mr. C. W. Tuttle, Bourse Supt. and Supt. of Sales; Mr. A. M. Wright, Supt. of Auctions; Messrs. C. A. Howes*, Oscar Hill, J. O. Wright, W. C. Polk and F. A. Dodge, members of the Council.

* Re-elected.
The meeting was then turned over to Mr. John A. Klemann who, at a great deal of trouble, had brought over from

CHINA

1878, 1c used ..	.90
3c used ..	.30
5c used ..	.40
1885, 1c, 3c, 5c, used set ..	.15
1897, small sur. 2c-8c, set of 9, used or mint ..	.85
Large sur. 1/2c, 1c, 2c, set ..	.15
10c on 9c green ..	.75
10c on 12c orange, mint ..	.60
30c on 24c, used or mint ..	.50
1904, Postage due, 2c-20c, used set ..	.50

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New York 20 vols. of the collection of United States stamps formerly belonging to the Earl of Crawford. This portion of the collection consisted of proofs and essays with the many historical notes penned by the late Earl personally. It was greatly admired and justly so, and the Society is to be congratulated upon the fact that it is able, on account of its

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

THE CONVERSION OF EDDY FYNE.

By Edwin B. Hill.

The first time I saw Eddy Fyne he was slumbering in my hammock. On the ground, at his side, sat Jimmy O', deep in a game of solitaire. They had ridden in before daylight, silently staked out their horses, and patiently awaited signs of life in my shack. There was none, for I was asleep on my cot, the far side of the tent-house, in the open. When I awoke in the gray dawn, I ambled around the corner of the shack. From the contour of Jimmy's back, I knew there was something adrift in that brain of his besides solitaire. It couldn't bode good for Jimmy's companion.

Eddy had a sweetly childish face,—also the reddest hair and the curliest I had ever seen. Also, he was the typical cowpuncher even in sleep.

As soon as Jimmy O' heard my footsteps, without turning his head or saying "hello!" he began his usual monologue.

"As I was tellin' my recumbent an' slumberin' friend, you are the most hospitable man off the range. You 'low us to occupy your best hammock; you permit me to play solitaire on the spot where your lawn refuses to grow; you let us feed an' anchor our cayuses anywhere we opine; you sure grub us like men when we ought to eat husks with the swine."

Jimmy rolled a cigarette, deftly lighted a match with his fingernail, ostentatiously, however, touching it to Eddy's curls, and then resumed:

"And you let us read your papers an' books an' look at your stamps. Now Eddy, here, opines he hates stamps, so I bought a book—'Care an' Feedin' o' Infants'—when I was over in Phoenicia las' month. Then I played poker with Eddy, loser to read the book. Nine games I won, so far, off Eddy. He sure has got the infant dope properly broke. Why, las' week they was a Mex. kid at El Rancho Chiquita had colic or something—fit to die. Eddy saved his life, all account o' them poker games he lost. I tell you, Eddy's some doctor. Took charge o' that kid's grub an' his ma's diet an' now—now you ought to see him—the kid."

Eddy, showing signs of awaking, Jimmy promptly yelled, "Yi! Yah!" in his ear. Eddy immediately rolled out of the hammock, hit the ground full length, gasped for breath, and finally sat up, speechless.

"Some day he'll be hammock-broke," said Jimmy, with his slow grin. "Meantime, seein' he's shed his gun, we're safe."

Eddy rose slowly to his feet, was properly introduced and, at Jimmy's instigation, explained why he chose the hammock instead of the ground for his slumbers.

"You see, it's this way. Jimmy O', here, was brought up in a hammock, holdin' hands bein' his strongest point."

"Yep. Poker hands," interjected Jimmy O'.

"Me, I was born on the range," continued Eddy.

"Nursed by a wolf, like the Roman twins, which makes him so fierce," grinned Jimmy.

"An' this hammock game continues new to me," completed Eddy.

Then Eddy looked at his disenchanted again, crawled in carefully, and, to Jimmy's sharp—"in agin—an' out agin"—promptly rolled out the opposite side, flop.

"Me—I stick to the ground," Eddy declared, finally, as he sagged against the cool sides of the water barrel.

"So I see—so I see," said Jimmy. "Which causes me to recall the time thet Michigan kid rode the range for four months an' four days, because his pa owned the ranche, an' the kid an' he was some sore at each other, all on account o' a girl. Now the kid had ideas, an' he was hammock-broke—used to sit in one o' nights, an' swing an' swing till he near swung himself to sleep—him an' the girl. The kid had ideas, too, as I said before. But—ride! Say! he wouldn't learn horse in 'leven-teen years. Swim, though, like a fish, an' always in the

water when he wasn't in the saddle. Now me—I used to swim nine strokes er more in my innocent youth—"

"—which was innocent in a pre-vi-ous existence," interpolated Eddy.

Jimmy O' rolled another cigarette, lighted the match *via* Eddy's hair, and swept on with his narrative.

"Rio Salada is sure tame up Blue Point way, except in flood-time. Then she's worse'n an outlaw broncho. Well, one morning the river come up flyin',—rose 'leven feet—me on one side, with a big bunch o' cattle, an' the kid on the other with a big bunch o' grub. Say! I near choked I was so hungry—an' 'leven feet o' water only a stone's throw between. Me—I know the ole Rio Salada. The kid don't. Well, sir, as we sat there, lookin' calm an' pleasant an' feelin' properly unfit, along comes a dead sheep. Then another. Then more sheep. Then a burro, laigs up.

"When I see that burro, I knew what's next. An' then, sir, along floats a herder, hangin' to a log.

"Now the river makes a bend half a mile down an' they's a whirlpool there. That herder—I knew him—he sure was white as any Mex. you ever see. He called out somethin' an' shook his head. One arm was hangin' loose—broke—an' he couldn't do much but hang on. Me—I just run fer my cayuse, but the kid yelled at me an' took a dive into that there yellow hell. I seen my best hold was to catch 'em at the whirl, as they come out—if they did. So I raced fer it, an' got there just in time to see the kid helpin' that Mex. by his good arm an' both windin' their laigs around that log. Then, sir,—well, I took plum' sick to my stummick, fer they both disappeared. What seemed to me 'bout a week er mebbe ten days later they popped up an' floated off down stream, the kid hangin' to that Mex. some fierce. That time they was both still. Me—I swum out on Pinto an' got 'em. The Mex. was mighty grateful—and the kid—"

Jimmy rocked back and forth in joyous laughter.

"The kid 'lowed I was the one who was doin' the great an' noble—me! Swimmin' ole Pinto into smooth water an' towin' them two ashore!"

I knew the spot; also, I knew that half a mile below the place Jimmy O' made his entry into the water, which ran like a mill-race, was another and a far worse swirl wherein was hope for neither man nor beast. Jimmy knew it, too,—only he didn't know that I knew,—which is the reason he told the tale.

Jimmy rolled another cigarette.

"The kid an' the Mex. an' me there—was so busy we didn't notice the kid's pa an' a lady lookin' on, havin' just rode up. Say, just about that time I had stage-fright somethin' fierce. But it was all right. Pa was busy forgivin' the kid—an' the lady—say, I got the cards las' week—named him Jimmy, too."

"Might send 'em the 'Care an' Feedin'," interpolated Eddy.

"No, sir; you need that there book, 'specially the care," carromed Jimmy.

"Nope. I yearn fer one more game," said Eddy.

"An' fer the tenth time you read up on babies," chortled Jimmy.

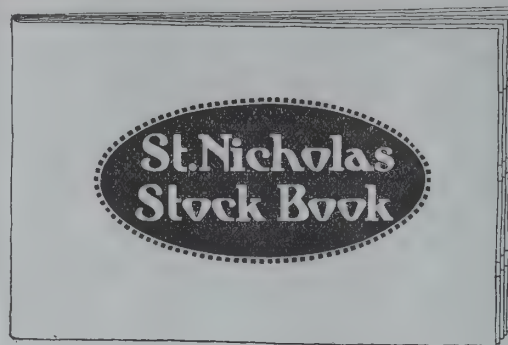
"No, sir," declared Eddy, finally; "not fer me. I know it all by heart, now, for'ard an' back. But I tell you what—play you for that seven-dollar collection o' stamps you bought off that kid in Phoenicia."

The game progressed. It was carefully played on both sides—artfully as well, I thought, on Jimmy's part. When it was ended, Jimmy's slow grin did its usual stunt.

"An' by such unholy means are c'lecters made," he said as he passed over the seven-dollar outfit.

"Born, Jimmy O', born," corrected Eddy. "I been wantin' that c'lection ever since I read that kid book fer the ninth time. I sure couldn't go it ten an' live. I tell you what—I'm goin' to make that Mex. kid a c'lector before he grows up to the age of indiscretion."

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Before the Spanish-American War, there was a regular mail service by sailing boats between the islands and Pohnape, but after the war the delivery and despatch of mail was accidental and coincided with the arrival or departure of any vessel. The North German-Lloyd proposed inaugurating a regular service in connection with their China-Japan sailings, but whether this service was definitely established or not, I have been unable to find out.

THE FIRST ISSUE.

From 1885, the date of the Teutonic influence in these parts, until 1897, ordinary German stamps were used, but in the latter year, the 3, 5, 10 and 20pf stamps of the German issue of 1889 were overprinted "Marshall-Inseln" diagonally upwards from left to right for use in the colony. Whether the two lower values were ever used or not seems doubtful. Eight hundred of each

of the 25 and 50pf denominations were similarly overprinted and sent to the Postal Union at Berne but these values were never issued for use in the Marshall Islands. In addition to the Postal Union specimens a number were sold to a Berlin dealer in 1897 and again in 1899 and though possibly some were sent to the islands to be cancelled they were never on sale at the Jaluit post office.

Reference List.

1897. German stamps of 1889 overprinted "Marshall-Inseln".

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3. 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 3.
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THE SECOND ISSUE.

In 1899 a new supply of surcharged stamps comprising all six values of the German issue of 1889 were sent to the colony. This overprint was also applied diagonally upwards from left to right but the spelling was revised so that the first word read "Marshall"—the "c" being omitted. The 3, 5, 24 and 50pf values were placed on sale at Jaluit on September 27th, 1899, the other two values being issued later.

Reference List.

1899. German stamps of 1889 overprinted "Marshall-Inseln".

5. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 7.
6. 5pf green, Scott's No. 8.
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THE THIRD ISSUE.

In the latter part of 1900, the Marshall Islands fell into line with the other German possessions and was supplied with the set of thirteen stamps of the "Hohenzollern" type. These correspond exactly with all the others in denomination and color, their only distinctive feature being the name "Marshall-Inseln" at top.

Reference List.

1900. No wmk. Perf. 14.
11. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 13.
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The Marianne Islands, or Ladrões, are a group of fifteen islands in the western Pacific, north of the Carolines, disposed in a row almost due north and south. Their united area is only about 420 square miles. Ten of the islands are volcanic and of these only four are inhabited, viz:—Agrigan, Anatahan, Alamagan, and Pagan. The other five islands—Guam, Rota, Aguigan, Tinian, and Saipan—are coralline and all are inhabited except Aguigan. The chief products are corn, coconut, coffee, cocoa, sugar, cotton, and tobacco, while the principal export is copra. The islands were first discovered by Magellan in 1521, and his sailors called them the Ladrões (Thieves) in allusion to the thievish propensities of their inhabitants. In 1688 the Spaniards obtained possession of the group and re-named them the Mariannas. Guam was occupied by the United States during the Spanish-American War, and by the treaty of 1899 was retained by them. In the same year, the rest of the islands were purchased from Spain by Germany and though they have had their own distinctive stamps since 1900, they are administratively part of German New Guinea. The seat of government is on the island of Saipan. The total population of the German islands is less than 3,000, while Guam has a population at least three times as great.

THE FIRST ISSUE.

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Reference List.

1900. German stamps of 1889 overprinted in black.	1. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 11.
	2. 5pf green, Scott's No. 12.
	3. 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 13.
	4. 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 14.
	5. 25pf orange, Scott's No. 15.
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Stamp Trade," the perusal of which we
urge upon the editors of various house
organs who have severely criticised the
WEEKLY for its attitude on discount
headlines. Mr. Bishop is a collector and
not a dealer and what he writes is all
the more interesting because of that fact.
We should like to quote the article in
full if our space permitted. We quote
the following paragraphs:—

"It is notorious that many advertised
stamp bargains are in the nature of a
decoy—a sprat to catch a mackerel.
That is legitimate enterprise when not
carried too far; but any advertiser who
makes it appear from his announce-
ments that he is in a position to sell
good stamps at an enormous discount
off recognised catalogue prices is not
only doing Philately and the stamp trade
a grave disservice, but is probably
guilty also of the authorship of a false
and fraudulent advertisement. The
managers of certain papers have set
their faces against these tricky methods
of business, and have made it known
that advertisements calculated to shake
public confidence in the stability of Phi-
latelately by persistent under-cutting of
prices will not be permitted to appear
in their journals.

This is a notable and a most laudable
departure in philatelic journalistic prac-
tice. I commend it to the careful atten-
tion of my colleagues of the British
philatelic Press."

The WEEKLY is satisfied that it ren-
dered a distinct service to philately in
the step it has taken. It simply insists
that dealers using a 75% discount line,
or any discount over 50%, shall name
the stamps that he proposes to sell. The
advertisement of the Edmund Stamp
Co. in our issue of Jan. 8, is an apt
illustration. We simply maintain that a
few dealers shall not destroy the col-
lectors' confidence in the stability of
stamp collecting by the use of flaring
headlines covering stock of a rubbishy
character and to the detriment of other
dealers!

GERMAN WAR PRISONERS' RELIEF.

Mrs. Paul Getzschman of Omaha,
Neb., sending in the advertisement of
the German Women's Relief Society,
found elsewhere in this issue, writes
some particulars of the work from which
we quote. Mrs. Getzschman has a fine
general collection of some 12,000 vari-
eties and is one of the best if not the
best in the state. She writes in part:
"I am at the head of the German Red
Cross movement in Nebraska and we
have been able to do a great deal for
the relief of the wounded soldiers. To the
prisoners we send reading matter and
as there are many stamp collectors
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tions that will be of special interest to
them. They send such grateful letters
for all little favors received.

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to win a prize in the rebus contest I
shall donate it to the prisoners' camp
at Naashimo, Japan. The prisoners say
they are treated well, but that they are

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anything to do. Newspapers are not
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chell, W. L. McAtee and I. B. Robinson.

—Geo. H. Quintard reports unsatis-
factory dealings with Charles Weissner,
Passaic, N. J., who was recently reported
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—"Referring to the precancel notes in
No. 1308 Mr. Solomon says, "Chicago's
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logs printed in Springfield, etc." I think
he will find on investigation that the
aforesaid catalogs are still printed in
Chicago and sent to Springfield by
freight to be mailed there to get zone
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each book. As parcel post orders sent to
Chicago are filled from there and carry
Springfield precancels, presume these are
sent in by express mdse. trunks and
mailed by some agent of firm."—J. H.
MASSEY.

—The Ripon (Wis.) Philatelic So-
ciety met Jan. 19, and the following
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Habel, vice-president; Edward F. Stein-
bring, secretary; Ed. W. Webster, treas-
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—Geo. A. Hunt submits a pair and
strip of three of the current two-cent U.
S. taken off the regular mail. The strip
is evidently from a coil but the paper is
thinner and tougher than the pair and on
a bluish paper, but not as pronounced as
the so-called experimental paper. Mr.
Hunt ventures the suggestion that for
coil purposes a much stronger paper is
required than that for regular postage.

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it? How many of our readers are ob-
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*59 2c red brown	1.25	.70
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

In Their Wake.—The somewhat spectacular appearance on the philatelic stage of the ½, 1, 1½ and 3 cent proprietary revenue stamps has caused some speculation as to the history of the denominations that have come to the philatelic surface so belatedly. The list of proprietary stamps given in the WEEKLY about a year ago now becomes complete; and in this connection it is worthy of remark that the mysterious stamps were given place in the catalogue which appeared several months ago. Our comment last week will be proved to be approximately correct, we believe; and the fact that the stamps really never were sent out from Washington bears out our findings. The 2 cent proprietary was sent to offices in some of the different cities, even though there was no call for the stamps to be used singly under the provision of the bill. We know that the 2 cent proprietary was used commercially, to refer to a specific instance, in pair, to pay the four cent tax on boxes of chewing gum by a manufacturer.

RARE UNITED STATES

St. Louis, 10c on greenish.
1847, 5c shift, very fine.
1851, 5c extra fine.
1857, 1c type I, block of three on cover.
Set of reprints. Price on application.

EUGENE KLEIN.

142 So. 15th St.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

1881, 3c pink on cover.
1869, 24c inverted center.
Reissues.

1901, Pan American 2c inverted center, mint.
Franklin Carrier, unused.

Early Railroad Cancellations.—We have received an interesting letter from Mr. H. R. Lloyd, editor of the Springfield *Republican*, accompanied by a clipping from the paper on the subject of early railroad post offices in this country. Mr. Lloyd says: "As one of your subscribers I am interested in all things related to postal matters and therefore send you the enclosed clipping which is taken from a recent issue of the *Republican*. The writer of the letter, Mr. B. B. Adams, is the editor of the *Railway Age-Gazette* and was formerly an employee of the Boston and Albany railroad. With his letter he sent us the letter to which he refers and on which he bases his claim of railway postal routes as far back as 1852. The letter bears a three cent red, imperforate, 1851, and the postmark shows clearly the words, 'Boston & Albany Jan. 2,' in a circle but some further lettering, possibly the date, at the bottom of the circle is undecipherable. He seems to have evidence in the fact that the letter was written to a person at the Westfield normal school in 1852, as shown by the school catalogue, who would not have been addressed by the name on the letter later than 1853 as she was married in that year. I have been through some of the files of the *Republican* to see if I could discover any reference to the postal system of this kind about this time but have been unsuccessful, though I found some interesting references and complaints about the new postal regulations which went into force in 1851." The railroad postmark in question is an early one as we should say that the date of its use is well established through the circumstances related. Dr. Carroll Chase said some years ago that railroad cancellations were certainly used to a rather limited extent while the 1851 issue was current; and latterly, it has been ascertained that this statement is conservative enough. The other day a batch of three cent, 1851, revealed a dozen Boston & Albany markings and we have before us, a Baltimore & Ohio cancellation, on an envelope with a Paid 5 impression that is endorsed in writing with a date in 1840! We shall reserve our comment on the clipping from the *Republican* for the next number. The Springfield, Mass., *Republican*, we are pleased to say, is one of the great newspapers of the United States and for many years it has evinced an intelligent interest in postal or philatelic affairs.

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Inside View.—In a "statement as to certain operations of the office of purchasing agent for the post office department during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915," that has just been published for "information of contractors," we find some interesting references to the manufacture of stamps and postal supplies generally. For instance, it is said

that the four year contract recently entered into with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing will result in the saving of \$58,000 for the government during the term; and further economies will result, it is confidently expected, through the agency of the new machinery that has been installed for the manufacture of stamps. Recognition is made of the adverse criticism that has been bestowed on the stamps perforated ten and the statement is made that the public on finding "that the stamps tear across their face instead of along the perforated lines" attributes the fault to the deterioration in the quality of the paper used for the stamps. The somewhat obvious assertion is made that the defect was not associated with the paper "but rather to the wider spaces between perforations, which are now being corrected." The paper is uniform in quality with that in use for the past two years, it is mentioned. In this report as in that of the director of the bureau of engraving and printing, the difficulties as a consequence of the war arising from the "resultant dearth of dyestuffs" in procuring ink, especially for the two cent stamp, are spoken of; and any "slight modification of shade" may be accounted for under this explanation.

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Stamped Envelopes.—In the report under notice in the foregoing paragraph, there is an illuminating reference to the contract for stamped envelopes that was awarded some time ago. The stamped envelope contract is the largest in a monetary sense that is entered into by the government, the amount involved "for manufacture alone for the four year period being approximately \$7,000,000." There were three bidders, one of whom withdrew competitively before the opening of bids, and the prices quoted by the former contractors. The Mercantile Corporation, of Dayton, Ohio, were higher than those in force under the contract expiring. So, the award was made to the low bidder, the Middle West Supply Co., Columbus, Ohio, at prices that represented a saving of nearly a half million under the prices then effective. Here we read: "Subsequently, the Middle West Supply Co. leased the plant of the Mercantile Corporation at Dayton, Ohio, and a consolidation of the two companies has been effected The low bid on stamped envelopes was in part made possible by improved machinery that cuts, folds, prints, and embosses the envelopes at one operation. Under the new specifications it is also expected that some improvement in paper and in the appearance of these envelopes will be effected." In the present contract provision is made for other "cuts and designs" of envelopes and consideration of the issue of a stamped "window envelope" and an extra quality stamped envelope is likely.

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Sent Collect.—From I. Thurman Mann, M. D., High Point, North Carolina, we have received a penalty envelope that was addressed to him and which bears a one cent postage due stamp and the rubber-stamp inscription: "Collect 1 cent on delivery." The envelope was on "official business" and came from the division of dead letters of the Post Office Department of Washington; and we are unable to answer Dr. Mann's inquiry as to the why and wherefore of the postage due charge. It is likely that under some ruling of the department the instance is made plain but we cannot speak with authority on the subject. The rules and regulations of the post office department make a ponderous volume and some time we shall really read them, when we have a week off.

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the way to the United States was pur-
chased by the American consul at Rot-
terdam. The cargo consists of five
colors, the essentials for the work of
printing money and stamps. They are
lake red, No. 1, which is a carmine;
lake red, No. 2, a scarlet; Prussian blue,
Chinese blue and chrome green.The present supply of lake red at the
bureau of engraving and printing is just
sufficient to last until March. The last
pound of lake red that is known to
Director Joseph E. Ralph to be anywhere
in the United States was just purchased
by him. He obtained 3,000 pounds in
New York city, paying about \$1.50 a
pound, in contrast with the ante-war
price of 24 cents.Director Ralph admits that the stamps
being printed at the bureau of engraving
and printing are of varied intensity of
color. He explains that the available
dyes are only about one-fourth the color
intensity of the German dyes. To bring
up the color, it has been necessary to
experiment with mixtures to obtain the
desired strength. As the dyes vary in
intensity, the results have been uncer-
tain, resulting in stamps of many hues."It is true," said Mr. Ralph, "that the
lack of German dyes has resulted in a
slight change in the color of our stamps.
The red two-cent stamps are lighter.
The eight-cent stamp, which used to be
olive green, is yellowish green. Slight
color variations may be noted in other
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tinct varieties of each value, and a logi-
cal reason for their existence.First: The printings from the regular
flat coil plates. These plates were of
four hundred subjects, divided by guide
lines into panes of one hundred, the
same as the regulation postage stamp
plates, except that the vertical space be-
tween panes was 10 mm. instead of 3
mm. Sheets of four hundred impres-
sions were printed from these plates in
the regulation manner for flat plate
printing, the paper being dampened
when placed upon the inked plate, and
shrinking somewhat in consequence.
Whether perforated vertically or hori-
zontally, and coiled sidewise or endwise,
the impressions were the same, measur-
ing 19 by 22 1/4 mm. with the portrait
oval measuring 13 by 16 mm.Second: The printings from the first
cylindrical plates. These plates were of
170 subjects, ten rows of 17 sidewise by
10 endwise, and were curved so that
two plates fitted together formed a
cylinder; the impressions being sidewise
around the cylinder, each revolution of
the cylinder in the rotary press printed
340 stamps. Large drums or rolls of
paper were placed in the press and the
stamps printed upon the paper in long
ribbons or rolls of ten endwise by as
many sidewise as the roll would hold.
The crevice formed by the joining of
the plates caught the ink and printed a
vertical line dividing the stamps into
panes of 170. The paper was not damp-
ened in printing, consequently the only
shrinkage was that caused by the gum-
ming. The measurements of these
stamps are: 1c, 19 1/2 by 22 1/2 mm., por-
trait oval 13 1/2 by 15 1/4 mm.; 2c, 19 1/2 by
22 mm., portrait oval 13 1/4 by 16 mm.Third: The printings from the
second cylindrical plates. These plates
are of 150 subjects, ten rows of 15 en-
dwise by 10 sidewise, and curved so that
two plates fitted together form a cylin-
der; the impressions being endwise
around the cylinder, each revolution of
this cylinder in the rotary press printed
300 stamps. The crevice formed by the
joining of the plates caught the ink and
printed a horizontal line dividing the
stamps into panes of 150. The printing
was made upon drums of paper in every
way the same as the printing from the
preceding plates, except that the stamps
ran endwise upon the ribbon of paper,
consequently the gum shrinkage was
horizontal instead of vertical. The
measurements of the stamps are: 1c, 19
by 23 mm., portrait oval 13 1/4 by 16 1/2
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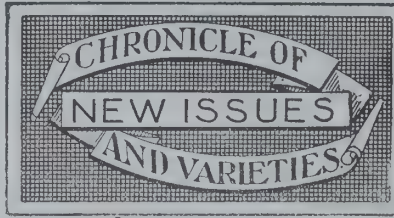
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UNITED STATES.—O. D. Challans reports having seen the current 12c stamp in a maroon shade, quite different from the first printings. Mr. Challans says it is almost exactly the shade of the 1k Bosnia of 1906.

Bartlett Gatchell was the first to show the Chronicle the new 2c envelope. The design has already been printed in the WEEKLY, but the official description hardly does justice to the printing or the general effect. Apparently the officials have taken to heart the experience with the last design, as the inscriptions and figures of value are strong and will be likely to show the inevitable wearing of the dies in a less degree. In order to accommodate the bust of Washington to the smaller circle, the lower part has been nearly all cut away, only a sharp point showing below the neck at the front. These first printings have every line of the engraving clearly defined, the eyes having expression and the hair texture. Even the cord in the neck is clearly marked. Probably the general opinion will be that the new envelope is a great improvement over those that have preceded it.

Envelope.

2c carmine on white.

Judging from the envelope sent us by William F. Works, it was high time that new dies should be provided for envelope stamps. This particular one has a white dot below the queue; various nicks and breaks in different parts of the stamp; the letter "U" has the left hand vertical line extended below the letter, and the left hand "2" is separated into two parts by a broad line of color. Certainly a dilapidated specimen!

S. E. Colman reports having a pleasant interview recently with Director Ralph and Assistant Director Ferguson of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. They informed him that the 2c stamp of the current issue, perforated 12x10 was never officially issued by the Bureau (the WEEKLY chronicled this compound perforation some time since, and there is no doubt about its existence). We have before called attention to the fact that the Bureau way of counting perforations is radically different from the philatelic method. This is Mr. Colman's explanation: "The Bureau speaks of a stamp perforated by the number of holes the perforating machine makes at the top and side of stamp; so if you count the number of holes, you will find 10 at the top and 12 at the side, which the Bureau speaks of as 10x12. The perforating wheel now in use at the Bureau makes 160 holes

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CANADA.—Two specimens of the new ribbon shaped war tax stamps have been sent us by G. Hemond of Montreal. They are the 5c and 50c in black and are used "on bottles of wine, so placed that in opening the bottles the stamps are torn in two."

DENMARK.—Scott's Circular reports a variety, "POSTERIM" instead of "POSTFRIM" in the surcharge of "80ore" on the 8 ore official stamp.

FIJI ISLANDS.—This Colony has received a 2sh 6d stamp, with portrait of King George.

Adhesive.

2sh 6d black and red on blue.

JAMAICA.—D. C. Alexander has shown us a cover from Jamaica with one of the new Red Cross stamps. This is type set with a plain rule border, a large cross in the lower part, and a large aeroplane at the top, above some shadowy clouds, all printed in carmine. No value is expressed, and the cover bore the regulation postage.

LIBERIA.—According to Maury's Collectionneur, a number of provisionals have appeared, made necessary by a shortage of the regular stamps. Seven values of the 1906 issue have been surcharged, some values with a large figure alone, and others with a small figure, accompanied by "cents" or "cts." Examination of the list shows that the plea that there was a shortage of stamps is wrong, as the 25c, 50c and \$1 stamps are surcharged for lower values, and then higher denominations have in turn received the same three values.

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MEXICO.—We are indebted to Lowell J. Ragatz, O. D. Challans and Thomas J. Gabriel for specimens of the new perforated portrait set, and information regarding the same. It seems to be understood that the perforated stamps are also temporary, and are to be replaced by the engraved set as soon as possible.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Albert D. Tschudin reports having found "a strip of the 10c violet yellow white back, Scott's No. 161, in what looks to be a double transfer. Instead of the outside line being heavy, this appears in two lines, the word postage appears to be shaded, the scroll work at the bottom appearing also in double lines; but the word "Straits" is the same as on other stamps. This is rather odd, at first, thought the stamp was faded while taken off the paper but this is not the case, as one can see the finish which most of the Colonials have. There are a few minor differences, but these mentioned above are visible to the naked eye. This only appears on the left side of the stamp."

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Your council has had regular meetings and has tried to provide entertainments that would interest the members. They have had exhibits of stamps at every meeting and among them three collections from New York shown and explained by their owners, in each case the finest and most complete in its line, in existence. They have also had competitions and talks on stamps, one being illustrated by the stereopticon.

It is the aim of the council to furnish what the majority of the members would be most interested in and I can assure you that any suggestions for entertainments will be welcomed and if considered favorably by a majority will be carried out. There were two suggestions last year both of which were adopted.

During the past year a fine stereopticon has been purchased for the Society by subscription and a lecture is being written and lantern slides prepared to illustrate it. It will be written with the idea of interesting Young Men's Christian Associations, Boy Scouts and other clubs and organizations, and it is hoped that our members will make arrangements to have it delivered in their home neighborhoods as it can be used in any hall or room equipped with electric lights. I believe if the member does not feel like delivering the lecture himself that some other member of the Society will be willing to officiate for him.

We also hope in the near future to add other lectures and slides to supplement the initial one and in that way make new collectors and members and also stimulate the interest of the older ones.

The secretary will probably give you the statistics and the treasurer the finances of the Society so I will not touch on these subjects and in closing I wish to thank you all for the courtesy you have shown me, also to thank one and all who have assisted to make my term such a pleasant one. I can only hope that if I am again chosen President that I shall have as faithful a council as the one which finishes its term of office tonight and that we shall all work together to make 1916 the banner year of the Society.

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The Banquet Committee reported \$3.50 profit on the banquet, and a sale of 31 tickets.

The Membership Committee suggested an aggressive campaign for new members, and that greater publicity be given the doings of the Society. It was

moved and carried that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the WEEKLY and that announcement be made therein of the exhibition of United States and France covers by Edgar Nelson Bradford on the 11th of February, an invitation to be extended all Brooklyn collectors to attend. It was further decided to serve refreshments.

Other routine business was transacted, an auction held, and receipts of \$8.62 recorded.

WM. LYCETT, Sec.

The general collection of covers of Mr. Bradford is probably one of the finest in the country, if not in the world. Portions of it will be exhibited from time to time in the rooms of the Brooklyn Stamp Society. His collection of U. S. is almost complete. Brooklyn collectors should avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing it on the evening of Friday, February 11th, when they will be welcomed at 393 Bridge Street, the welcome including refreshments.

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By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

The German colony of Togo, or Togo-land, forms part of Upper Guinea, in West Africa, being bounded on the east by French Dahomey and on the west by British Gold Coast. The colony was acquired in 1884 by treaty with the King of Togoland, the boundaries being regulated later by agreements with France and Britain. It covers a total area of 33,000 square miles and its population of about two millions consists chiefly of Ewe negroes. Togo is the most prosperous of Germany's African possessions. The coast-land has numerous lagoons and is unhealthy, while the interior is mountainous. The first capital and residence of the Governor was at Sebbe but the seat of government was later moved to Lome, which is also the chief port of the colony, on account of its healthier climate. The second town of importance is Little Popo, while the largest native town is Togo (Population about 8,000) on Lake Togo.

THE FIRST ISSUE.

The first post-office was opened at Little Popo on March 1st, 1888, and soon afterwards an office was established at Lome. Until 1898, and possibly a little later, these were the only offices in the colony the stamps used being the current ones of Germany, until the special surcharged series appeared in 1897. These surcharged stamps, like those of the other possessions, have the name overprinted diagonally upwards from left to right. The 3pf value may be found in three fairly well marked shades but the others do not vary at all.

Reference List.

1897. German stamps of 1889 surcharged in black.

- 3pf brown, Scott's No. 1.
- 5pf green, Scott's No. 2.
- 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 3.
- 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 4.
- 25pf orange, Scott's No. 5.
- 50pf red-brown, Scott's No. 6.

THE SECOND ISSUE.

During the later months of 1900 Togo was provided with a new set of stamps in the usual "ship" type as supplied to all the other German possessions. These differ from the series for Samoa, Kiau-

tschou, etc., only in the name "TOGO" shown at the top of each denomination.

Reference List.

1900. No. wmk. Perf. 14.
7. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 7.
8. 5pf green, Scott's No. 8.
9. 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 9.
10. 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 10.
11. 25pf black and red on yellow, Scott's No. 11.
12. 30pf black and orange on buff, Scott's No. 12.
13. 40pf black and carmine, Scott's No. 13.
14. 50pf black and purple on buff, Scott's No. 14.
15. 80pf black and carmine on rose, Scott's No. 15.
16. 1 mark carmine, Scott's No. 16.
17. 2 mark blue, Scott's No. 17.
18. 3 mark violet-black, Scott's No. 18.
19. 5 mark black and carmine, Scott's No. 19.

THE THIRD ISSUE.

In September, 1909, the 5pf value appeared on the paper watermarked lozenges then in use in the Fatherland, and in 1914 the 10pf appeared. None of the other values have been issued on this paper.

Reference List.

1909. Wmk. lozenges. Perf. 14.
20. 5pf green, Scott's No. 21.
21. 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 22.

CONCLUDING NOTES ON GERMAN COLONIES.

COLONIAL STAMPS SOLD IN BERLIN.

In 1900, co-incidental with the issue of the stamps of the "Hohenzollern" type for the various colonies, the German government decided to place all colonial stamps, as well as those specially surcharged for the foreign offices maintained in China, Morocco and the Turkish Empire, on sale in Berlin. The reason for this step was said to be "the desire to facilitate the beginning of commercial relations of the Empire with the colonies. When making enquiries or sending offers to commercial houses, it is generally considered good policy to enclose the first few times stamped addressed envelopes for the reply; furthermore, small amounts can be remitted in the easiest possible manner by unused stamps."

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age with their communications was a perfectly legitimate one, of course, but it is open to doubt that the government would trouble to maintain an office for a restricted trade of this sort. The real reason for the establishment of the office was that a lucrative trade with dealers and collectors was expected and in this the officials were not disappointed for the stamps sold for "philatelic" purposes in Berlin far exceeded the postal revenue obtained by selling the stamps in the various colonies.

"THE DISGRACE OF GERMANY."

Under this heading numerous articles appeared in the philatelic press some ten years ago dealing with a somewhat unsavory scandal in connection with the Postal Museum at Berlin. This Museum as doubtless most of my readers are fully aware, contains, as all Postal Museums should—a very fine collection of postage stamps. This collection was formed, to commence with, from the stamps distributed as specimens from the Postal Union headquarters at Berne, and from sets of current and obsolete stamps obtained from the Postal departments of other countries. Many stamps, too, were obtained from dealers in exchange for duplicates of various kinds which came into the possession of the Director of the Museum. At one time the Museum was fortunate in possessing a large stock of some of the issues of the German States and the North German Confederation and these were not only a valuable source of entire sheets, etc. for the Museum itself but through the disposal of the duplicates many additions were possible to the official collection. So far all was perfectly right and proper but the stock of remainders coming to an end and the Museum authorities, having acquired a taste for rare items like the "Post Office" Mauritius and Hawaiian "Missionaries", for which they neither had the funds to purchase or duplicates to offer in exchange, went beyond their legitimate rights and foisted numerous doubtful varieties on the philatelic public through certain dealers in Berlin. Not only were the Museum authorities instrumental in circulating certain "errors" which had been carefully gleaned from the Printers' waste basket, but in some cases "errors" were made to their specific order. A committee, appointed by the Berliner Philatelisten Klub in 1904 succeeded in elucidating the history of some of the doubtful varieties and I append a few notes, culled from their "findings", relating to the "philatelic" nature of certain errors in the colonial issues.

German Levant.—The scarce variety of 1884, the 20pf surcharged 1 piaster in blue, was reprinted though the committee were unable to find definitely by whose orders this was done. At any rate they were made some time after the stamp had been out of issue and the color is dark blue instead of the ultramarine of the issued stamps. The blue of the surcharge does not differ materially from that of the originals. Two of the 25pias on 5 marks, both listed in Scott's catalogue, were circulated with double surcharge. One sheet of 20 of the 1900 variety was actually sent to Constantinople and two were sold there but the balance were returned to Berlin

and handed to the Museum authorities with other waste sheets of a similar nature.

German East Africa.—A few sheets of the 2 pesa were ordered from the printers in imperforate condition for "exchange purposes."

German South-West Africa.—Originally only 1000 of each of the unissued 25pf and 50pf of the first type were made but before the second issue was ready the Museum ordered an additional 5000 of each from the State Printing Works so that an ample supply should be available for trading purposes.

German New Guinea.—The 25pf value of the first issue with inverted surcharge recorded in Scott's catalogue, is from a waste sheet sent to the Postal Museum with other waste material from the printers.

Marianne Islands.—The 25pf inverted surcharge of this colony is also a printers' waste variety.

Marshall Islands.—All values of the first series were reprinted but in what numbers and whether it is possible to distinguish them from originals or not we are not told.

Kiautschou.—A number of the "spoilt" sheets, showing defective and bad printings of the provisionals of 1900 were sent to the Museum by request of the authorities and these ultimately found their way into certain dealers' hands.

When the surcharged stamps were about to be produced for the various colonies in 1897, trial sheets were printed with the different names side by side on the same sheet to show the effect. These proof sheets were, presumably, handed to the Museum, and later on they had similar sheets made to order so that all sorts of fancy varieties in pairs and blocks were available for exchange.

Errors and varieties of German colonial stamps are, therefore to be looked on with suspicion in the main. As Gibbons' catalogue pithily puts it, "These were never issued for use, or even re-tailed in Berlin to collectors or dealers, but are from waste sheets of the printers, which should have been destroyed, but were retained, and afterwards leaked out into the hands of certain dealers."

OUR SECOND REBUS CONTEST.

We have been very much pleased with the responses that have come in in our first rebus contest. The entries are being examined by the editor of the WEEKLY and in due season a report in detail will be made in our columns.

In the issue of Jan. 29 we pictured the cover to be used on our issue of Feb. 26 and we invite our subscribers' attention to it. How many stamps are represented in the design that is shown?

We shall offer a number of prizes to those who send in the best solutions. The Nassau Stamp Co. has offered one of their Popular Blank Albums as a prize and Geo. J. Carter one of his revenue stamp albums. There will be other prizes that will be announced in due season. The closing date of the contest will be stated in the issue of Feb. 26.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Charles Huscher, a prominent philatelist of Denver, Colo., and former president of the old Denver Stamp Club and the Mountain State Philatelic Society, has been appointed acting superintendent for the Colorado Industrial School for Boys at Golden. Mr. Huscher has a fine collection of U. S. postage, revenue and match and medicine stamps and his many friends will rejoice in the promotion which comes to him after several years of faithful work at the School in various capacities.

—The General Electric Stamp & Coin Club and the Lynn Philatelic Society will hold a joint exhibition of stamps and coins at the Lynn Public Library, Feb. 18 and 19. A prospectus of the various competitions has been received and the scheme presented shows an ambitious exhibit. The committee in charge has E. L. Clark as chairman, and L. M. Whiting as secretary-treasurer.

—The American Stamp Dealer's Association has now published its weekly bulletin for sixty weeks and it has proven its stability in a remarkable way by so doing. The Association is increasing in membership and is entering on a big year's work. C. V. Webb, Perry, Ohio, is secretary.

—H. R. Hendricks, who takes displayed space this week, comes to us well recommended. He is a member of the Texas Philatelic Association and also the S. P. A.

—"I've had letters from six dealers altogether who have received the same treatment from Chas. Weisser that I had—substitution and either didn't return selections or didn't pay for what he kept. As far as I know, losses were not large, still anyone like that ought to be looked after."—Mrs E. W. OURHRED.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from S. G. Bixby, C. M. Breder (2), Rev. Dr. Wright, I. B. Robinson and H. W. Boers.

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—Charles Lathrop Pack, philatelist, financier, worker in many public-spirited movements and one of the fathers of the conservation movement, was unanimously elected president of the American Forestry Association at its thirty-fifth annual convention in Boston a few days ago.

—The Mountain States Philatelic Society has elected the following officers for the year 1916:—John W. Bradbury, President; Chas. A. Nast, Vice President; Robert A. Turner, Secretary; Maitland Milliken, Treasurer; Directors:—Godfrey Schirmer, Chas. Huscher, W. W. Bigler, and the above officers as ex-

officio members. Regular meetings will be held on first and third Thursdays. The Society had 50 members last year and expects to double it this year. Collectors anywhere are invited to become members. Only 50c per annum. A sales department will soon be in active operation. Write the treasurer at 404 Foster Bldg., Denver, for further information.

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The letter was signed 'Alex De Rocker.' What a terrible fall he must have had 'off Antwerp' and what a swell chance he has of collecting 'all the different used postage stamps.'—CHAS. M. BREDER.

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WAR SUFFERERS' BAZAAR.

We are in receipt of a communication from Theodor Clauss, Box 70, Sta. D., N. Y. City, appealing for assistance from stamp collectors for a stamp booth in connection with a bazaar to be held at Madison Square Garden, N. Y. City, March 11-24. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the 'orphans and widows of fallen soldiers.

Mr. Clauss writing the WEEKLY says: "As your records will show, I have been for many years a subscriber to your esteemed paper, and as your records also must show, I have taken much interest in your paper. I have been a stamp collector since 1868 and during these years I have used every opportunity to advance the interests of stamp collecting and share our hobby with others.

During the bazaar at the Armory, New York, in December, 1914, I undertook the care of a booth for the sale of postage stamps to collectors and dealers, in fact, anyone who might be interested. Everything was donated and the proceeds, without deducting one cent for expense went to the fund for the war sufferers, the widows and orphans of soldiers.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Treat In Store.—Our February special number to be dated the 26th will be one that will gladden the soul of the reader. This assurance is given advisedly as the reading matter in the issue will be of superior merit. The cover will be one of the most sightly and significant from a philatelic view that may be imagined; and the crowning feature will be two striking page illustrations of a line of stamps that yield to no other in point of popularity. For the first time, the stamps in question will be presented so graphically that their interesting variations will be understood. Visual evidence will be presented so that pages of descriptive text may be dispensed with. This most valuable contribution will have a setting of other worthy articles and the Missioner will be a num-

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ber that will show the WEEKLY at its best. We hope to make the issue one that our readers will be pleased to bring to the attention of their friends, especially to that of those who have philatelic possibilities.

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Great Go.—The prize contest based on the cover design of the special number of the WEEKLY of January 8th has proved the most popular of any contest that we have ever held. The entries have been made in such number that if they were the result of an advertisement, the advertiser would think that the well-known millennium had come. We have started our work of selection with a vim but some time will elapse before the report is ready. All attention will be given to the humblest effort, let us say, as well as to the pretentious answers; and the fulfilment of this promise is not a light task, by any means.

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Fragments.—On passing mail we have seen several novelties. There is a new red cross label, showing an aeroplane at top and the design of the red cross at bottom, red on white. One of these labels coming from Jamaica bore the inscription in black, "Jamaica," across the stamp. A surcharge from Egypt has been noticed in the shape of the "2 Milliemes" in black on the 3 milliemes orange of the 1914 issue. A reader has shown us a large batch of the current two cent red on blue stamped envelope each one of which has a crease through the "o" of "Two" in the lower label. The fold approximately was at the same place in each envelope and it resulted from some mechanical mischance, although slips of the kind usually do not produce results that are so uniform.

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Expectancy Runs High.—An enterprising "missionaire" in Gabon, Africa, has sent a circular to stamp folks in the United States proposing exchange relations and his wantlist includes practically all the U. S. from 1847 to date, in unused condition. Emphasis is placed on the consideration of unused and for instance, the 1861 set complete "with grating" is wanted; and likewise, the 1870 set with grille. In view of the fact that the 1861 set grided unused is particularly good property and the 1870 grided 12 and 24 unused practically among the unattainables, the remark of one of our readers is pertinent: "I admire the nerve of the Christian who wants U. S. first issues, set 1861 'with grating,' etc., all unused, for French colonial stamps, from 1c to 5fr used." Nowadays, when U. S. are in such strong demand it is futile to ask collectors here to part with their good stamps for foreign on any uncertain basis. The wise hunter is said not to expect to bag

Set of Reprints.

1861, 3c pink on cover.

1869, 24c inverted center.

1901, Pan American 2c inverted center, mint.

Franklin Carrier, unused.

deer at Deer Run and catch trout in Trout Lake; and U. S. are not to be had most advantageously in this country. Recently, we have heard dealers bemoaning the fact that Europe no longer could be depended upon for supplies of early U. S. as formerly and the stringency is not attributed to the war but to a greatly diminished hoard of the U. S. stamps that were largely used in the old days in correspondence to European countries. Constantly rising prices will be the consequence of this condition. In making the general observation that the country of issue is not always the best place to buy the stamps, it is to be said that recently a collector thought that the first issue of Sweden was held too closely by dealers in this country and he decided to get these scarcities in Sweden through connections there. When he saw the prices asked for good copies "at home" he decided that this country was the place to buy the stamps in question.

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Never Again.—We have been inundated with requests from readers for another original movie scenario. (We have had three letters in fact but in editorial parlance, two are a flood and three an inundation.) However, so complete was our triumph with the first and only scenario that we forbore to paint the lily. A reader tells us that the movies and philately are his two fads; and to prove that the juxtaposition of these two hobbies in mortal mind is not bizarre, we quote from a recent editorial, "Spending Money," in the Chicago Tribune: "Probably he would prefer spending all his money going to the movie shows or collecting postage stamps to eating off a delicate mahogany table."

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Spray.—A distracted reader says that he has just met the old-fashioned collector who literally spouts his enthusiasm over his pages of rarities in their pride and panoply of more or less fugitive colors; and he wants to know if there is a transparent rubberized paper that may be used as waterproofing when a human shower is looking over the collection. Information will be gratefully received.

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Trouble, Trouble.—The wailing-place is now occupied by a reader who says that he has just entertained an old-fashioned collector who got as far as Austria in the album, only to transfix him with a bony finger and ask him menacingly, "Where are your St. Andrew's crosses?" "I said apologetically that I did not keep my decorations in the stamp album, whereupon the o. f. c. chortled, 'There were no such dunces when I collected stamps,' and we had

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a row right there. His parting shot was: 'You wouldn't know a St. Andrew's cross from a bean-pot.' I wouldn't. What is it?' Briefly, the St. Andrew's cross was an expediency used by Austria in the shape of a complimentary label, bearing two lines crossed, to fill out the sheet so that it would make a convenient monetary total. When the sheets of stamps were perforated, the blanks with the crosses likewise were perforated. In the old days when everything in the shape of an addition to the supply of stamps was eagerly welcomed, these labels enjoyed some recognition and esteem as album ornaments.

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Digging It Out—From Mr. R. J. Tarpy of Knoxville, Illinois, we have received the following timely and valuable information concerning the current U. S. stamped envelopes; and it may be added that the data came to Mr. Tarpy through the intermediary of a member of Congress:

"The U. S. Stamped Envelope Agent at Dayton has referred to the Department your letter of January 7th, with the communication addressed to you January 3d by Mr. R. J. Tarpy, Box 602, Knoxville, Ill. The twelve inquiries of Mr. Tarpy are answered as follows:

1. The stamped envelope factory is now producing envelopes bearing the new 2c embossed stamp of 1915.

2. The design of the 1c embossed stamp is undergoing alteration. Whether the 4c and 5c embossed stamps will be changed cannot now be stated.

3, 4, 5. The number of embossing dies produced of the design of 1907, the number of master dies, and the identity of master dies from which each embossing die was made, could not be stated without a search of records which the Department cannot, on account of other pressing matters, undertake.

6. The number of stamping presses used in the stamped envelope factory when the information was last obtained, about a year ago, was 74.

7, 8.—Envelopes are stamped on three different styles of machines, one of which will stamp any size of envelope, while the other two styles are limited to a single size. Folders are adapted to a single size.

9. The different styles of stamping presses require embossing dies of differing curvatures.

10. Formerly both flat and curved embossing dies were used; now curved dies only are used.

11. The engraver of the dies is G. T. Morgan.

12. The Aetna Paper Co. produces stamped envelope paper having a watermark in which the year 1915 runs downwardly from left to right through a monogram composed of the letters U. S.; in the Dickinson Paper Co. watermark the year 1915 runs horizontally through the upper part of the monogram; in the Champion Coated Paper Co. watermark the year 1915 runs horizontally through the lower part of the monogram.

Respectfully,

(W. J. BARROW),

Acting Third Assistant Postmaster General.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

NICARAGUA "CORDOBAS."

By EDWIN W. FUSS.

I always take particular interest in the notes which mention how many stamps of a set were issued and the number of errors and their location in the sheet. I find there are many stamps which were issued in small quantities, but which, in the catalogue, are priced the same as some stamps that were issued in much larger quantities. I notice this in the stamps of Nicaragua, which I specialize in. I have kept an account of the surcharged stamps which I have received from the Republic, in used condition, and accompanying these notes you will find a list of the Cordoba surcharges on the liberty, locomotive and blue official sets.

During the past three years, I have received from four persons, none of whom are stamp dealers or collectors, over 160,000 used Nicaraguan stamps. Out of these, I found 5,035 Cordoba surcharges of the three issues mentioned. It will be noticed that the low values were rarely found and yet these are priced in the catalogue at three cents unused, and would possibly be priced the same used, if that column were filled out.

Another note worthy of mention, is the wide spacing (18 mm.) of the surcharge found on the Cordoba surcharge on the Liberty set. Several Nicaragua collectors and myself have come to the conclusion that the first printing, used on the Liberty set, was closely spaced

VALE	VALE
dos	dos
centavos	centavos
de cordoba	de cordoba
1913	1913

(14 mm.) to fit the stamp, but when the surcharge was applied to the Locomotive set, the stamps being larger, the spacings were widened. Finding that the new permanent set was not ready and that further surcharging had to be done, the same form was again used on the Liberty set, resulting in having the wide spacing the same as was used on the Locomotive issue. The wide spacing is scarce, and is not mentioned in the catalogue, although it is a distinct variety. My list follows:—

Surcharged on Liberty.

No.		
311	1c on 1 peso orange,	408
312	1c on 3c yellow brown,	3
313	1c on 15c violet,	36
314	1c on 3c yellow brown,	6
315	1c on 4c brown violet,	182
316	1c on 50c light blue,	35
317	1c on 5p black,	121
318	2c on 4c brown violet,	176
	Same, wide spacing,	14
319	2c on 20c red,	42
320	2c on 25c green and black,	141
	Same, wide spacing,	7
321	2c on 35c chestnut and gr.,	341
	Same, wide spacing,	5
322	2c on 50c light blue,	85
	Same, wide spacing,	18
323	2c on 2 peso green,	716
324	3c on 6c olive,	64

Surcharged on Locomotive.

325	1c on 2c vermilion,	13
326	1c on 3c orange brown,	107
327	1c on 4c carmine,	79

Rare Peru

No.		
1908, 2sol blue & black, unused & fine,	176	\$6.50
1899, 5sol green, unused and fine,	267	1.75
1895, 2c green, unused and fine,	135	.10
" 5c yellow, unused and fine,	136	.12
" 10c ultramarine, unused and fine,	137	.12
" 20c orange, unused and fine,	138	.15
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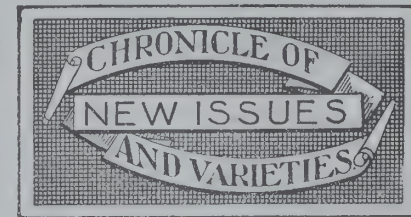
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UNITED STATES.—The following chronicle of new envelopes has been kindly furnished by J. M. Bartels:

Denom.	Die.	Size	Paper	Wmk.	Knife.
2c	A	8	White	19	59
1c	A	8	White	20	91
1c	A	8	Amber	20	91
1c	D	13	Amber	20	89
2c	A	7	Buff	20	51
2c	A	11	White	20	88

1916 Issue, new design, Two Cents, Die 128.

2c — 5 White 20 87
In Nos. 1241 and 1243 was described a watermarked paper used for the printing of the current perforated Officially Sealed stamps. That watermark was an enlarged representation of the Great Seal of the United States. Now comes the Gray Stamp Co. with a sheet of the same stamps rouletted, with an entirely different watermark. This appears in this case only on the top row of five stamps, and reads "Rolleston Mills." Presumably other sheets of stamps cut from the same large sheet of plain paper, might not have any watermark at all. The letters of the watermark are large, about the full width of stamp design for the capitals and tall letters.

ARGENTINE.—Ewen's Weekly reports the 24c as having been seen on paper watermarked four arrow heads, one in each corner. The 10c on the same paper was chronicled some time since.

BELGIUM.—W. T. Wilson sends us a complete set of the Belgian postage due stamps, which are now printed in London (presumably). The shades of all values differ from the Belgian prints, those of the 5c, 20c and 50c being totally different. A prominent difference in the design may be noted in the tail of the left-hand lion, the tuft having a quite different finish towards the foot of the lion, and is smaller and of different shape from the first issue.

Postage Due Adhesives.

5c deep blue green.
10c bright carmine.
20c deep gray green.
30c bright French blue.
50c pearl gray.

BRAZIL.—In No. 1309, on the authority of Mawry's Collectionneur, we described the stamp issued late last year to commemorate the discovery of Cape Frio. Hermann Focke has now shown us this stamp, which is evidently printed locally, as it is poorly designed and roughly executed. Mr. Focke also shows us an-

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Adhesive.

100r carmine.

BUSHIRE.—W. T. Wilson writes as follows: I find in my second consignment that there has been a new setting of the overprint—printed on horizontal strips of 10 as before. The salient differences in the new setting are, no stop after "Occupation" 9th stamp. The 10th stamp has the capitals "U & B" in "Under British" of the same size as all the others in strip whereas on the 1st setting they were smaller, the spacing in these two words also differs.

COLOMBIA.—Elliott Perry has shown us the 1/2c, 1c and 2c stamps of the current figure set, 1908 issue, "Lit. Nacional," with the overprint noted on page 210 of the latest Catalogue. In spite of Scott's note there printed, these stamps are coming through on the mail to New York, indicating either a scarcity of stamps or an extended use to which the Catalogue note does not apply. Mr. Perry submits specimens of the 1c, thus overprinted, both Nos. 362 and 362a. As the covers had no other stamps, these Department stamps evidently paid foreign postage.

CUBA.—Elliott Perry has shown us a new Officially Sealed stamp for Cuba. The design is the same as the previous issue as far as arrangement, but is lithographed, and entirely changed as far as type and ornaments, as well as color and perforation, are concerned. The new stamps are rouletted and printed in gray blue instead of light blue.

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Provisional Adhesive.

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MEXICO.—Anent the controversy which has arisen over the Anvil Seal stamps of Sonora, the following sent us by George W. Linn will be of interest:

Jan. 6, 1916.

Messrs. G. W. LINN Co., Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:—

By the present I make it known that, till the eleventh day of November, 1915, I was General Postmaster of the State of Sonora, Republic of Mexico, and that I can give truthful information about the postage stamps used till that date in the State of Sonora, and about the stamp known by the name of "Yunque," "Anvil Seal," as you call them.

The Anvil Seal five and ten cent stamps, without overprint, were the only ones in circulation. Although there were stamps of other values, they were never put in circulation in the postoffices, all of which were under my supervision. Later, and upon orders from the Citizen Governor Randall, I ordered to Hermosillo to print, or place, the overprint "plata" on all the stock of "yunque"

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stamps, from the 1c to the 50c values, but there was no time nor facility to put into circulation in any of the postal offices, the stamps with the overprint "plata."

Yours very truly,

MANUEL LACARRA M.

The above is a translation from the Spanish, the original of which is in the possession of Mr. Linn, the writer of the letter being Postmaster General of Sonora under the Villa regime. Mr. Linn adds the following:—

"I have steadfastly claimed that the Anvil Seal stamps, other than the 5c and 10c values, were never issued by the Government. The values 1, 2, 20 and 50c are being offered with various claims for their authenticity and I firmly believe that they deserve no recognition. I fully admit that these four values were prepared by the Government and that they were intended to be issued but do not believe that they were ever issued for use as large lots of the Coach Seal stamps of these values were still available and are still being offered and there was for this reason no immediate need for the Anvil stamps other than the 5c and 10c values. Made to order covers bearing the 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20c Anvil stamps are being offered as proof of their use but the fact that covers genuinely used with values other than the 5c and 10c have never turned up in sufficient number or in such manner as to show that they were actually used for postage purposes and not for sale to collectors is a fact. In fact I have never seen any other than 5c and 10c genuinely used on genuine covers."

NAURU.—According to the *Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung*, this small island in the South Pacific has just established a postal service of its own. It was formerly one of the German Marshall Islands group. Six values of the current English stamps have been overprinted "NAURU" in thin type on the pence values and in large type on the high values.

Adhesives.

1/2d yellow green and black.
1d scarlet and black.
2 1/2d ultramarine and black.
2sh 6d brown and black.
5sh carmine and black.
10sh deep blue and black.

NEW ZEALAND.—The 1/2d value of the new King George set has been overprinted "Official" in Gothic condensed caps reading up. A specimen has been shown us by W. T. Wilson.

Official Adhesive.

1/2d green; black overprint.

VENEZUELA.—The Sterling Stamp Co. has shown us another value in the new set, the 5c, 15c, 50c, 75c and 1b having been previously chronicled.

Adhesive.

40c blue gray.



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THE 2c CANAL ZONE INVERT.

Emil J. Rall submits for our inspection a specimen copy of the 2c Canal Zone invert, reference to which has already been made in our columns. Mr. Rall writes us in relation to this stamp as follows:—

Incredible as it may seem, the American Bank Note Co. allowed a sheet of

Panama 2-cent stamps with inverted head to slip by. It was cut up on the Zone for books of 24 stamps each, and placed on sale at one of the postoffices here, and a number of the stamps had been used before their condition was discovered."

The Boston Philatelic Society.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322 Tremont Bldg., 8.15 P.M.

Boston, Feb. 7, 1916.

The 252nd (regular) meeting of the Society will be held at the Club Room, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 15th, at 8.15 p. m.

Before the meeting at 6 p. m., we will have a dinner at the "Hayward", notice of which has already been sent out.

The application of Mr. H. F. Bucknam will be voted upon.

Mr. Carpenter will exhibit as part of the entertainment of the evening, his complete set of Portuguese stamps and Portuguese Colonies, which are the same as were made for the King of Spain. A portion of these were of necessity reprinted and they form a very interesting collection. The lantern will be used to show a set of slides illustrating the development of the modern steam engine, also a few stamp slides. If you cannot get to the dinner, make an effort to be at the meeting. Don't forget that the Society is forming a collection! Look over the books and see if you haven't something good among your duplicates which is lacking in them. At the next informal meeting, there will be an auction sale. Send your lots to the new Supt., A. M. Wright, 47 Court St., Boston.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Application for Re-instatement.—No. 216, Percy McG. Mann. Mr. Mann became a member of the Society, October, 1911; resigned March, 1915. He had always been in good standing, so the Secretary has granted his application and is pleased to again place his name on our list.

Dues received from No. 216, \$1.00; from No. 129, 50c; total, \$1.50.

S. M. EDWARDS, Sec.

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1. CANADA

No. 1, used	.90	No. 51, Blk. 4, unused	.12	No. 82, or 83, unused	.04
7, used small tear	3.25	5 blks., unused	.45	Blk. 4, unused	.15
8, used superb	2.00	52, unused	.04	5 blks., unused	.60
9, used close	5.00	Blk. 4, unused	.18	84, unused	.04
14, unused	.35	53, unused	.05	Blk. 4, unused	.15
Used	.10	54, unused	.10	5 blks., unused	.60
15, used	.04	Blk. 4, unused	.20	85, unused	.04
16, used shades	.35	5 blks., unused	.75	86, unused	.03
19, used	.25	54, unused	.10	82 to 86, unused	.17
20, used	.50	Blk. 4, unused	.40	88, unused	.12
21, unused	.15	10 singles, unused	.70	Blk. 4, unused	.50
23 or a, used	.15	55, unused	.45	10 singles	1.00
24, used	.07	Blk. 4, unused	2.00	89, unused	.02
25a, unused	2.00	56, unused	.20	90, unused	.03
25 or a, used	.16	Blk. 4, unused	.75	90a, unused	.04
26, unused	1.00	10 singles, unused	1.30	Blk. 4, unused	.18
27, unused	.35	57, unused	.25	5 blks., unused	.75
27a, unused	1.35	Blk. 4, unused	1.00	Sheet of 100, unused	3.50
22, unused	.04	10 singles, unused	1.90	91, unused	.07
Used	.01	59, unused	.30	92, unused	.10
33, unused	.07	60, unused	.65	89 to 91, unused	.60
34, unused	.15	50 to 60, unused	2.20	95, unused	.65
35, unused	.45	66, unused	.01	96, unused	.02
Used	.03	Blk. 4, unused	.04	Blk. 4, unused	.08
36, used	.20	10 singles, unused	.07	5 blks., unused	.30
36a, unused	.90	67, unused	.02	97, unused	.02
37, unused	1.50	Blk. 4, unused	.10	101, unused	.15
38, unused	.35	10 singles, unused	.14	102, unused	.20
39, unused	.35	68, unused	.04	103, unused	.25
39a, unused	.90	Blk. 4, unused	.17	104, unused	.011
39 or a, used	.08	10 singles, unused	.30	Blk. 4, unused	.06
40, unused	.03	69, unused	.05	105, unused	.03
Blk. 4, unused	.10	Blk. 4, unused	.22	Blk. 4, unused	.12
Sheet of 100	1.75	71, unused	.12	106, unused	.07
41, unused	.25	Blk. 4, unused	.50	Blk. 4, unused	.25
42, unused	.06	10 singles, unused	.90	107, unused	.10
42a, unused	.70	72, unused	.13	Blk. 4, unused	.40
43, unused	.10	73, unused	.15	108, unused	.13
44, unused	.30	Blk. 4, unused	.60	Blk. 4, unused	.50
Blk. 4, unused	1.25	10 singles, unused	1.20	109, unused	.25
45a, unused	.70	66 to 73, unused	.50	Blk. 4, unused	1.00
45, used, shades	.05	74, unused	.01	110, unused	.65
46, unused	.35	Blk. 4, unused	.05	104 to 109, unused	.50
47, unused	.60	10 singles, unused	.08	126 to 128, unused	.10
46 or 7, used	.06	75, unused	.02	151 or a, unused	.08
48, unused	.50	76, unused	.04	Used	.02
48a, unused	.80	Blk. 4, unused	.18	172, used	.05
49, unused	.25	77, unused	.05	153, unused	.08
49a, unused	.70	78, unused	.08	153a, unused	.35
Shades, used, 4 for	.10	79, unused	.13	153 or a, used	.02
50, unused	.18	80, unused	.13	160, unused	.10
Blk. 4 unused	.80	81, unused	.15		
51, unused	.03	74 to 81, unused	.55		

2. NEWFOUNDLAND

No. 1, unused	.90	No. 43, used	.12	No. 59, unused	.45
1a, unused	1.40	44, unused	.04	Blk. 4, unused	2.00
2, unused	.90	Blk. 4, unused	.16	10 singles, unused	4.00
5, unused	.90	10 singles, unused	.35	60, used or unused	.20
5a, unused	2.00	45, unused	.05	61, unused	.04
13, used, poor	2.50	46, unused	.04	Blk. 4, unused	.15
17, unused	2.00	Blk. 4, unused	.16	62, unused	.04
18, unused	.40	47, unused	.20	Blk. 4, unused	.15
Used	1.00	Used	.05	63, unused	.04
Blk. 4, unused	1.75	48, used	.06	Blk. 4, unused	.15
Mint sheet	8.50	49, unused	.40	64, unused	.06
19, unused	.90	50, unused	.02	Blk. 4, unused	.25
Blk. 4, unused	4.00	Blk. 4, unused	.08	65, unused	.06
19a, unused	1.00	Mint sheet	1.75	Blk. 4, unused	.25
20, unused	.25	51, unused	.10	66, unused	.08
Blk. 4, unused	1.00	Blk. 4, unused	.40	Blk. 4, unused	.32
Mint sheet	5.50	10 singles, unused	.80	67, unused	.10
21, unused	1.00	52, unused	.08	Blk. 4, unused	.40
22, unused	.70	Blk. 4, unused	.30	68, unused	.14
Blk. 4, unused	2.10	10 singles, unused	.60	Blk. 4, unused	.60
23, unused	.90	52a, unused	.20	69, unused	.17
26 or a, used	.90	Blk. 4, unused	.75	Blk. 4, unused	.05
27, unused	.35	10 singles, unused	1.60	70, unused	.20
29, unused	.35	52b, unused	.11	Blk. 4, unused	.80
30a, unused	.90	Blk. 4, unused	.60	71, unused	.30
32, unused	1.00	10 singles, unused	1.00	Blk. 4, unused	1.20
Used	.35	52c, unused	.14	72, unused	.35
34, unused	.10	Blk. 4, unused	.60	Blk. 4, unused	1.40
Blk. 4, unused	.40	53, unused	.18	73, unused	.45
5 blocks, unused	1.90	54, unused	.50	Blk. 4, unused	1.80
35, unused	1.10	55, unused	.12	74, unused	.75
36, unused	.65	Blk. 4, unused	.50	Blk. 4, unused	3.00
37, unused	1.10	Sheet of 100 unused	9.00	61 to 74, face 2.15	2.50
38, unused	1.00	56, unused	.12	10 sets	22.50
39, unused	.10	57, unused	.15	78, unused	.03
41, unused	.18	Blk. 4, unused	.55	79, unused	.18
42, unused	.45	Sheet of 100	10.00	80-84, unused	.18
43, unused	.75	58, unused	.10	87, mint sheet	2.50

3. NEW BRUNSWICK.

No. 1, used, small tear	\$1.50
2, used fine	8.00
6, unused	.20
Blk. 4, unused	.80
7, unused	.06
Blk. 4, unused	.25
8, unused	.20
9, unused	.20
Blk. 4, unused	1.00
10, unused	.25
Blk. 4, unused	1.10
11, unused	.05
Blk. 4, unused	.20

4. NOVA SCOTIA.

No. 1, used, very fine	\$.45
3, unused, fine	1.50
Another, cut into	2.75
9, used or unused	.20
10, unused	1.00
Seconds, unused	.50
Used	.15
12, used	.40

5. VARIOUS.

Nevis, No. 7, used	\$.20
No. 14, used	.90
15, used	1.50
27, used	1.50
31, unused	1.00

Prince Edward, a small lot, cat.	\$12.00
St. Vincent, No. 13, un'd	1.00
No. 43, unused	.55
48, unused	1.10
49, unused	2.25
50, unused	2.25
Trinidad, No. 1, un'd	\$3.50
2, unused	1.00
3, unused	1.00
4, unused	1.10
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12 vars., mint, cat.	\$4.100
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VII. First Issue of 1866.

On November 26, 1866, the first 1d and 6d stamps were dispatched from London to the Virgin Islands. The new stamps were on sale about the end of the year. This first consignment was supplied by Messrs. Nissen & Parker of London, but the stamps were printed for this firm by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons.

A single die was engraved on sheet for each value, and then lithographic transfers were made in plate form. The plate contained 25 impressions (5x5) for each value. One early writer stated that the first 1d stamps were in sheets of 24 (4x6), but we believe this statement to be incorrect.

Later on we shall see that certain values are known to have been printed from different sized plates, but in this case we cannot confirm the statement that either value was ever issued other than 25 stamps to the sheet.

The parcel of stamps mailed from London on November 26, 1866, contained:

1d	20,000
	2,000
6d	10,000
	1,000

The above figures are those supplied by the Royal Society's work; the explanation of the split in the figures being that the large parcel of each value was sent direct to St. Thomas, whilst the smaller quantities were mailed direct to Sir Arthur Rumbold, Bart., the President of the Virgin Islands. Sir Arthur was a brother to Sir Horace Rumbold, the well-known diplomatist.



The stamps were printed on wove unwatermarked paper—white and "toned". Chroniclers of the period tell us that the paper makers' "watermark" consisting of

"the letters AC or N's in double-lined Egyptian characters" is in the paper. Another describes it as "A. CO., watermarked in letters about 3/4 in. high." We think collectors would be well advised to practically ignore the description "toned" paper. The stamps were printed on white paper, and in the case of the 6d denomination it is definitely known that only one consignment was sent out: perforated 12. This being the case it is most unlikely that this one printing should have been on two different papers.

It is much more likely that the so-called "toned paper" specimens of these stamps are changelings of some description—the white paper becoming "toned" in certain instances through some sort of atmospheric or chemical influence.

There is a well-known variety of the first 6d stamp consisting of a large "V" in "Virgin" (a faulty retouch by the lithographer?). This variety is the last stamp in the third row of the sheet. This stamp also shows a thickening of the border line above the "V" of "Virgin".

Both values exist imperforate. The 1d green is known perforated 12x15 but does not appear to have been issued in that condition.

Two very pronounced shades of the 1d belong to this perf. 12 issue, and it is probable, therefore, that one of the later consignments of this value was perforated 12; this at least is a logical conclusion.

Reference List.

December 1866. Printed by Waterlow & Sons of London on white wove unwatermarked paper. Perforated 12.

- 1d. green, deep green.
imperforate.
perforated 12x15.
on "toned" paper.
- 6d. rose, rose-red.
imperforate.
large "V" variety.
on "toned" paper.

VIII. The Emissions of 1867-76.

The next consignment of postage stamps left England on July 12th, 1867, (a stamp journal of the period says June 17th). This parcel contained two

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Belgium War Scenes, 1c to 5fr, 13 var. 2.71
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Costa Rica, Postage Due 1915, 5 var. cpl.38
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Denmark Prov. 800 on 8 & 12, 2 var. 1.15
Italy Red Cross, 2 varieties12
Liberia, Red Cross schgd. on Tri., 2 var.35
Malta, 4p black12
Mexico Carranza, 1c to 10c, rouletted, 6 var.12
Carranza, 1c to 10c, perf., 5 var.10
Carranza, 40c at .10; 1 peso at .25 perf.50
Villa Schg., Scott No. 420, 50c75
Villa Schg., Scott No. 421, 1 peso.22
Mexican, Coach Seal type, 1, 2, 5, 10c, set50
Surcharged Distrito Sur. De La Baja California. New Zealand, 3d Geo., schgd. War Tax02
Oceania, Red C., 1st series on Scott No. 2550
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It is impossible, however, to say what the exact significance of the design on the 4d and 1sh denominations may be, although it is fairly safe to assume that the figure represents the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The subsequent sendings of 1d and 6d stamps were of the same design as the first issue, but the perforation gauged 15. The complete list of consignments sent to the Virgin Islands (after Nov. 26, 1866) by Messrs. Nissen & Parker (printed by Waterlow & Sons) were:

- 1867 (July 12th)—4 pence, perf. 15: 10,000 and 2,000.
1 shilling, perf. 15: 10,000 coloured border, and 1,000 plain border (double lined).
1868 (June 6th)—1 penny, perf. uncertain: 1,000.
4 pence, perf. 15: 1,000.
6 pence, perf. 15: 1,000.
1 shilling, plain border (single lined) perf. 15: 1,000 and 1,000.
1870 (October 25th)—1 penny, perf. 15: 2,000.
1871 (January 12th)—1 penny, perf. 15: 2,000.
(March 21st)—1 penny, perf. 15: 3,500.
(September 6th)—1 penny, perf. 15: 4,000.
1872 (February 7th)—1 penny, perf. 15: 6,300.
1873 (March 15th)—1 penny, perf. 15: 2,000.
1874 (January 1st)—1 penny, perf. 15: 4,000.
(October 14th)—1 penny, perf. 15: 7,000.
1876 (September 2nd)—1 penny, perf. 15: 6,000.

In the case of the 1d and 6d denominations there is nothing to show whether the lithographic stones were cleaned and new transfers taken for each supply subsequent to the first 1866 printing, as has been suggested. The existence of a sheet of 12 (4x3) of the 1d value (1870) certainly adds weight to the argument, but on the other hand it seems unlikely that this trouble was taken for each fresh supply—more especially when the supplies followed each other in such rapid succession from 1870-74.

It is curious that so many consignments of the 1d value were required during so brief a period. The quantities supplied were of course comparatively small, but they were above the postal needs of these sparsely populated islands. The sudden increase in demand recorded around the year 1870 was due to the importations of stamp dealers—the orders for two or three hundred copies from the few odd firms making all the difference. All four values of the "perf. 15" series were the work of Waterlow & Sons and were supplied by Messrs. Nissen & Parker as before.

(To be continued.)

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stamps of this interesting country are my especial favorites and it has occurred to me that there might be some others, perhaps many, who would agree with me. A well written article would draw the attention of others to Paraguay who had not previously thought of it, especially those who might be looking for some country to specialize in which is a little out of the beaten track."—W. H. ZIMMER.

—G. W. Armitage, an English philatelist, has given his entire collection valued at \$4,500 to the auction to be held in connection with the National Philatelic War Fund. It comprises a fine lot of early Ceylon, Nevis, St. Helena, St. Vincent, Nova Scotia, etc.

—One of our contemporaries says editorially that it is not in favor of amateur stamp dealing and that its columns will not be used in that direction. We note that this paper and other papers as well, while condemning our propaganda in this direction, do not hesitate to accept advertising from some of the newer dealers that the WEEKLY has been instrumental in assisting.

—An English paper, *The Bazaar*, is authority for the statement that a series of postage stamps is in preparation for Servia. It will be prepared at the Italian Printing Works at Turin.

—The C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. of St. Louis, Mo., has removed from Garrison Av. to 2600 Olive St., where the firm has a very pretty suite of office rooms, six in number.

—The A. S. C. calling attention to the chronicle of the series of Madero stamps in a recent issue of the WEEKLY charges that the floating of this set "is simply a stamp dealing trick and its timely exposure will prevent the uninitiated from being stung." It further adds that the WEEKLY was no doubt honest in its chronicle of the set but says:—"Errors of judgment of this kind have a tendency to destroy confidence." This is all very interesting but when you turn over a couple of pages and find the set advertised for sale a big question mark looms up before one.

—Cuba *Filatelica* announces that about the middle of this year a new issue of stamps will be put into circulation in that country, the different values bearing portraits of Cuban leaders as follows: 1c green, Cespedes; 2c red, M. Gomez; 3c violet, J. Sanguilly; 5c blue, Marti; 8c orange, Estrada Palma; 10c gray, Calixto Garcia; 50c lilac, Agramonte; \$1 orange, Maceo. In addition there will be three new postal cards put out.—*Stamp Trade*.

—There is a letter at this office from A. F. Reynolds. Will the party who desired his address please communicate with us? Will the party in Hollister, Cal., who on Feb. 7th ordered the book "U. S. Stamped Envelopes" please send his name to the WEEKLY office?

—"I am very glad that a number of letters have been sent you in regard to the use of carbon-tetrachloride for detecting watermarks. When I first read the article on its use I bought some for use on about a dozen stamps. I ruined all of them."—L. L. STEIMLEY.

—"Supplementing your comment regarding the Department stamps of Columbia I can state that these stamps have been used on mail coming to the U. S. from the time they were issued. I have six values of the first setting (a) on the Arango issue and four values on the 1908 issue, and in addition to these have just received a cover with a registration stamp (Lit. National) carrying a double surcharge. All of them paid postage and came through without

postage due. The second setting (b) is much scarcer and I have never received but two covers with stamps so surcharged."—FRANK C. DAVIS.

—Any persons having claims against Carl Hirsch, Needles, Cala., please communicate with L. Lazorus, 836 13th St., Oakland, Cala. This party has been previously reported in the WEEKLY.

—"I notice from time to time the reporting of 'unsatisfactory dealings with' this or that person, often several dealers reporting the same person. There is a sure remedy here—simply the presentation of such cases to the United States Post Office Inspector located at the nearest point to such dealer. These transactions are usually carried on postally, and Postal Laws are violated where selections or quantities of stamps are secured on approval by persons who neglect to pay for them or make any returns, and one prosecution along this line would tend to put a stop to the practice, especially if much publicity was given the action."—HENRY B. EVANS.

COLLECTORS CLUB ANNIVERSARY.

Complete preparations have been made for the twentieth annual dinner of the New York Collectors Club, to be held Thursday evening, March 9th. This promises to be the biggest affair ever held by the club.

The place selected has been the Hotel Savoy, Fifth Avenue and 59th St., in the main ball room. Reservations have been made for 100 people. The chairman of the Dinner Committee, Mr. P. C. Hartell has promised many novel features for the dinner, and the souvenirs are useful for philatelists.

The price per plate has been fixed at \$2.50, and tickets may be secured from any New York dealer or from Mr. Herman Toasperm, 233 Greene Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

The club has been unusually active during the last season and a long and spirited competition has been going on for a handsome silver cup. To date Senator E. R. Ackerman leads, with Messrs. T. L. Wells and H. B. Newman close behind. The February meeting takes place on the 17th, at the club rooms, 30 West 42nd St., when U. S. revenues will be shown. Some of the exhibitors will be Mr. Clarence H. Eagle, winner of the same class at the International exhibition, two years ago, Mr. P. C. Hartell, and Mr. William White. Mr. Wells will exhibit several volumes of his 20th century collection as well.

Visitors are always welcome.

ATTENTION MR. AULT.

In justification of the interview relative to our philatelists discontinuing their hobby after marriage, accredited to our philatelic friend, Mr. Ault, as carried in the press dispatches at the time of the A. P. S. Convention in San Francisco, we will let the following appear just this once, and withhold sentence on the party who submitted it.

The following is alleged to have been overheard during a lull of conversation as to the latest styles, at an afternoon bridge party.

"My husband", said one matron, "was a confirmed stamp collector when I married him a year ago, but today he never touches a stamp".

"That is fine", approved one of the group, "to break off the habit of a life time in one year requires a strong will."

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EDITORIAL.

Next Week—The special issue of February 26th will meet the expectations of readers we feel sure; and the pages of the number will bear testimony to the present day activity. We hope to include the judge's report on the recent "cover contest" in the issue in question and in view of the fact that there were upwards of eighty entries in the competition, we shall provide ample space for the findings in recognition of the great degree of interest that was manifested by the entrants.

An Addition—We were unable to include in last week's issue, further comment on Mr. H. R. Lloyd's interesting letter enclosing clipping, both on the subject of early postal routes, from the Springfield Republican; and by a coincidence we are enabled to supplement our remarks by data timely and of some importance. First, let us read a further explanation of Mr. Lloyd which gives a somewhat deeper significance to his previous contribution: "There is one important point in connection with the matter that I did not emphasize though the clipping notes it. This is that in 1851, the present Boston and Albany railroad was made up of two lines, the Boston and Worcester road and the 'eastern railroad' so that there would be no excuse for a 'Boston & Albany R. R.' postmark, unless there existed some sort of mail route." This contention gives rise to the question of any distinction between a "mail route" and a railroad post office, in the early days and presents a phase that at this time we cannot discuss authoritatively. However, we now have conclusive proof that the "Boston & Albany R. R." route was in existence in 1848, as we have before us a letter-sheet bearing the "5" handstamp and the postmark under notice, that was written January 2, 1848, and sent from Millbury, Mass., to North Wilbraham, Mass. Evidently, there was no "Boston & Albany R. R." in existence in 1851 even, as Mr. Lloyd's statement is confirmed by a table of railroad statistics compiled in 1853, in which the Boston and Albany road is not mentioned, though the Bos-

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St. Louis, 5c, 10c, 20c.
1847, 10c strip of three on cover.
1851, 5c extra fine.
1851, 5c vertical pair and strip of three.
1857, 1c type I, block of three on cover.

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1869, 24c inverted center.
1901, Pan American 2c inverted center, mint.
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ton and Worcester and the Eastern have place. It would appear that so early as January, 1848, there was a purely postal route in distinction from "offices" as the mail car or mail compartment car on regular runs were called. The scope of our inquiry now becomes widened and we hope to have fuller information of this interesting fragment of postal history. We may add that Mr. H. R. Lloyd local editor of the Springfield, Mass., *Republican*, is attracted by the early postal history of our country, a field that sometimes richly rewards cultivation.

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Death Stamp—The Associated Press circulated some time ago, a most interesting account of Switzerland's operation of the international mail service for the prisoners of war of all nations engaged in the conflict. Mention has been made heretofore of Switzerland's generous impulse in attending to the task of mail establishment between the prisoners and their families and all tribute may be given to the republic for its humanitarian work, the expense of which is borne by the country itself. In the press story a label is described that has a pathetic significance. It has a black border and the single word, "Decede." The "Decede" label is used to indicate that the addressee has died on the field or in the hospital and the letter or package is returned to the sender with the sombre label attached. It is only after every effort has been made to deliver the mail without success that the official records and other sources of authoritative information are searched; and when confirmation is had of the fate of the addressee, the story is told by the "Decede" label.

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Fire—From Mr. George W. Linn Columbus, Ohio, we have heard that his printing office has burned. The "fire fiend" got in some good licks and the loss was considerable but covered by insurance. Mr. Linn's book on Sonora, the preparation of which has long engaged Mr. Linn's attention was practically ready to go to press as some of the forms were locked up and the others were in page forms awaiting a few corrections; and several of these were "pied." In consequence, part of the book must be re-set but Mr. Linn calculates that the delay in publication will not be above thirty days.

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Off Color—Correspondents occasionally call attention to the 3 cent red of Canada, the 3 cent, U. S., 1851, and other stamps red in color normally, in shades that range from a light brown to almost black. Naturally, varieties of the kind are the source of some speculation on the part of the collector who sees them for the first time. These color variants are changelings and at times in the past, certain ones of them have been

the subject of warm discussion; e. g., the 2 cent Canada registered, first issue, in brown was upheld once upon a time as a genuine issue by a band of partizans. The stamps under notice printed in red mineral inks become sulphuretted under certain chemical conditions and the resulting sulphides darken the stamps to brown or even black. Often, peroxide of hydrogen of the right potency will restore the original color, the extra atom of oxygen eliminating the sulphur cast.

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Society Activity—We have been informed that during the latter part of January, the Niagara Philatelic Club held an exhibition of stamps in a prominent down-town store window in Niagara Falls, New York, in commemoration of the first anniversary of the organization of the society. The Niagara Philatelic Club was a consequence of the American Philatelic Society convention at Niagara Falls in 1914. Through the efforts of Mr. Harry C. Burns whose inspiration came from the convention, a society with a membership of twelve live collectors was organized and subsequently, not a few of the members joined leading national organizations. Mr. Burns has reason to feel proud of the results of his work in a city of comparatively small population. Mr. Joseph S. Davis writes that the annual banquet of the South California Branch of the American Philatelic Society will be held in Los Angeles on the evening of March 21, 1916. Plans embracing novel ideas have been adopted and it is the expectation to make the occasion of unusual enjoyment. In fact, no pains will be spared to make the banquet one of the most brilliant in the annals of California philately and visiting collectors in particular will be heartily welcomed to the feast, the date of which should be kept in mind so that plans may be made accordingly.

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Sir David Masson—The death of Sir David Parkes Masson, Kt., C. I. E., V. D., is recorded in the English stamp papers as having occurred in London on December 30, 1915. Sir David Masson spent much time in India where he was honored with the presidency of the Philatelic Society of India; and he is well remembered through his exhaustive studies of the stamps of some of the Indian states in the *Philatelic Journal of India*, the journal of the society. He was the foremost specialist in the stamps of Kashmir and perhaps of Afghanistan, his Kashmir handbook having been a remarkable contribution to the literature of philately. The decedent's long residence in India afforded him advantageous opportunities for his thorough studies and he embraced them intelligently. Sir David Masson's death at the age of 68 removes one of the great philatelists of the times from our world.

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2c lake85	.95			2.75
1908, 1c10	.12	.20	.45	.20
2c15	.18	.25	.70	.25
3c30	.35	1.00	3.00	.65
4c30	.35	1.00	3.00	.65
5c40	.45			.75
Lincoln 2c15	.18	.50	1.50	.40
Yukon 2c15	.18	.40	.80	.40
Hudson 2c16	.20	.40	2.00	.40
1910, 1c10	.12	.20	.45	.20
2c15	.18	.25	.75	.25
1912, 1c06	.06	.12	.30	.12
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Noting your reference to an inquiry made by your subscriber, Dr. I. Thurman Mann, regarding the collection on delivery of 1c due upon a returned dead letter, I am able to give the necessary enlightenment.

On and after December 1, 1915, Sec. 630 of the Postal Laws and Regulations was amended by the insertion of the words "or on return through the Division of Dead Letters." I think this will be more clear when I quote the section referred to and the same section as amended.

Sec. 630, par. 1. All letters published as non-delivered shall be charged with one cent in addition to the regular postage, to be accounted for as part of the postal revenue.

Par. 2. The same charge as on letters shall be made on all other advertised matter. Such charge shall be collected on delivery by means of a postage due stamp, which shall not be affixed until the charge has been paid.

The December, 1915, *Official Postal Guide* contains the following:

November 6, 1915.

Order No. 9264,
Effective December 1, 1915.
Sec. 630, paragraph 2, P. L. & R. is amended to read as follows:

The same charge as on letters shall be made on all other advertised matter. Such charge shall be collected on delivery, or on return through the Division of Dead Letters, by means of a postage due stamp, which shall not be affixed until the charge has been paid.

From all of the above we are to deduct the following; Paragraph 1 provides for a charge of one cent on all letters which are advertised. Advertised letters which are unclaimed are sent to the Division of Dead Letters, and there opened and returned to the sender when known. Such returned dead letters are sent in penalty envelopes. Heretofore, there was no charge made on these letters when they were returned to the senders, but paragraph 2 as now amended, provides that this one cent charge may be collected on return as well as on delivery to the addressee. If Uncle Sam does not get it going he may come back, a source of considerable revenue, as you will readily see.

HARTFORD'S ANNUAL.

The newly elected Board of Governors of the Hartford (Ct.) Collectors Club took office at a largely attended meeting on Monday evening, February 7. They are Emerson F. Harrington, president; A. B. Aubrey, vice-president; W. L. Phillips, secretary; Morgan W. Taylor, treasurer; W. C. Phillips, auction manager; Olin H. Clark, W. H. Webb and Rev. H. S. Harte, Membership; E. D. Field, Dr. J. B. Newton and T. M. Lincoln, Entertainment; J. W. Longnecker and E. H. P. Trantum, Auditors; W. H. Bruce, Press. The club has had an especially successful winter, the meetings well attended, and the membership nearing the fifty mark. It meets every Monday evening at the Virginia Inn, 24 Lewis St., and extends a hearty welcome to all collectors passing through the city to "drop in."

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 12—In advertisements issued today for bids upon contracts for providing aerial mail service, the Postmaster General gives manufacturers of aeroplanes and hydroplanes opportunity to meet practical tests as regular carriers of the United States mails. The bids are to be opened May 12, and October 1 next is named as the date for beginning service.

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The advertisements cover one mail route across Buzzards Bay and Nantucket Sound, in Southern Massachusetts, and seven routes in Alaska. If such service is proven feasible and reliable over these routes, a gradual expansion to many other routes upon which present means of transportation are slow and inadequate will follow.

In the past 10 years United States mails have been carried by aeroplane many times, but never regularly over authorized mail routes. Usually such feats have been incidental features of fairs and expositions, and have merely involved trips in good weather from the Post office to the fair grounds.

"THE CHARM OF STAMP COLLECTING."

On April 8 we shall issue a special number of the WEEKLY that will have a very large circulation. It will be made particularly attractive to young stamp collectors, and with that idea in mind we solicit short articles dealing with "The Charm of Stamp Collecting". Articles of not more than 1,000 words are desired and \$5 will be given for the best entry. We reserve the right to publish any other entry that we may desire and if the contest should prove successful enough to warrant it, one or more consolation prizes will also be given. Entries must be made on or before March 20 and we hope there will be a strong competition.

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The first anniversary of the above Society was celebrated at the Club rooms, 2233 Larkin St., on February 1. A large gathering of members and friends were entertained and a sumptuous supper was served. The officers for the present year are Henry J. Seiler, President; Chas. W. Arp, Vice-President; Donald Piercy, Secretary-Treasurer; Edwin P. Seeborn, Sales and Auction Manager. Philatelists are cordially invited to attend one of the monthly meetings held on the first Tuesday in every month at the Club rooms.

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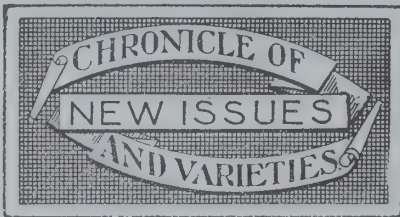
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UNITED STATES.—E. J. Gifford has shown us the 12c in the new shade reported by O. D. Challans recently. It is certainly a nondescript shade,—an expert says rose brown—certainly not the maroon of the English catalogues. Mr. Gifford's specimen is perforated 10.

BUSHIRE.—*Alfred Smith's Circular* has the following regarding the Persian stamps overprinted for the British occupation, which will be interesting reading to many people:

"The British occupation of Bushire was only temporary and ceased, by mutual agreement of the two countries, on October 22nd. The provisional stamps (which included surcharges on the Coronation series and on a postcard) were not a British emission but were issued by the Persian authorities themselves to mark the occupation of Bushire by a foreign and friendly power. Their issue seems to have been of a philatelic nature, as it is stated that during the occupation the surcharged and unsurcharged Persian stamps were used quite indiscriminately."

CAMEROONS.—*Smith's Circular* says that the 5c, 10c, 25c and 35c stamps of Gabon, issue of 1910, have been overprinted "Corps expeditionnaire Franco-Anglais, Cameroun," for the use of the expeditionary force, now operating in that German Colony.

CANADA.—We have received from Mrs. E. W. Oughtred a specimen of the new 3c war stamp as issued in coil form. Mrs. Oughtred states that there is a strong objection to the use of the provisional because of its similarity to the regular 2c stamp.

Gladstone Perry informs us that the new 3c stamp, combining war tax and postage, in coil form is perforated 8 vertically.

CANAL ZONE.—Benjamin Cadbury reports having received a cover, postmarked, "Ancon, Nov. 8, 1915," with both centre and "Canal Zone" overprint inverted. This is Scott's No. 42.

The New England Stamp Co. has shown us a new printing of the postage due stamps of 1915, the overprint being in red, while each stamp has a large figure of value in the overprint.

Postage Due Adhesives.

Surcharges in red.
1c olive brown.
2c olive brown.
10c olive brown.

EPHRAIM.—The 1, 2, 3, and 5 lepta Greek stamps of the Occupation series of 1913, have been overprinted in red, in the type of Scott's Nos. 49 to 60.

FIJI ISLANDS.—Another value has been issued in the Georgian series.

Adhesive.

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FRENCH OCEANICA.—*Scott's Circular* has the following: "The islands constituting the French Establishments in Oceanica are scattered over a large area in the Pacific Ocean east of Australia. They include the Society, Marquesas, Tuamotu, Gambier and several smaller groups. Tahiti is the most important of the islands. In April last two Red Cross stamps were issued in Tahiti.

They were made by surcharging a cross and the word 'Tahiti' in red on two stamps of French Oceanica, the 15c blue of 1892 and the 15c gray of 1900. The issue was limited and was quickly exhausted. We are not informed if its use was restricted to Tahiti but there were probably not enough of the stamps to be sent elsewhere. It is treated by most catalogues as an issue for Tahiti only.

"In May the 10c red of the 1900 issue of Oceanica, which had been withdrawn from use, was surcharged 'E. F. O. 1915' and became again available for postage. This stamp received a further surcharge of a cross and '5c.' One stamp in the setting of twenty-five had a small 'e' in place of the 'c.' This issue did not last very long and in September a third issue of charity stamps was made. For this 30,000 copies of the 10c of 1893 were surcharged with a cross and 5c. The surcharge was in vermilion and placed across the lower part of the stamp. It is known with the surcharge inverted, with letter 'c' inverted, and with 'e' instead of 'c'.

"Now we learn that in October a fourth Red Cross stamp was made by surcharging 45,000 copies of the 10c of 1913. The surcharge is quite like that on the third issue but has a short bar below the 'c' and is printed in deep carmine near the top of the stamp."

The New England Stamp Co. has shown us this latest overprint.

ITALY.—The Red Cross stamps described last week, have been overprinted "LIBIA" in black.

LIBERIA.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us two Red Cross stamps from this Republic, the triangular stamps, Scott's type A 49, having been surcharged with a red cross and "2c" in red.

Red Cross Adhesives.

2c on 3c on 10c plum and black.

On Official Stamp.

"c" on 3c on 10c ultramarine and black.

LICHENSTEIN.—The stamps of this Principality have appeared on ordinary paper, instead of chalk-surfaced.

POLAND.—The following regarding the Warsaw stamps recently chronicled is from *Scott's Circular*:

It appears that the German forces now in occupation of Poland made no provision for postal service in the city of Warsaw. Therefore, a committee of citizens applied for permission to conduct such a service, which was granted. The stamps were, of course, a necessary feature of the undertaking. They are not issued by a firm for private gain but a body of citizens acting in an official capacity and under the sanction of the German government. Thus they would seem to be more than local stamps (as that term is usually understood) and in the same class as the stamps issued for the cities of St. Petersburg, Medellin, Tangier, etc.

It was the original intention to have stamps of 5 and 10 groszy. The groszy is the Polish groschen and is equivalent to 1/2 kopec. It is stated that before the stamps were issued it was decided that the 5g rate was insufficient and it was advanced to 6g and the 5g stamps were surcharged in accordance. Copies of the 5g are known without surcharge but it is not certain that they were regularly issued in this shape. There have already been seen the 5g, 6g on 5g, 10g and 2g on 10g stamps.

The stamps are printed by lithography in two operations, first a light background tint and then the design in a much darker color. They are in sheets of forty, five rows of eight, and perforated 11 1/2. The designs and execution are somewhat primitive and suggestive of the "horrors of war." The 5g has the arms of the city of Warsaw, a figure said to symbolize the river Vistula, having the head and torso of a

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woman with the body, wings, tail and claws of a dragon, and armed with scimitar and shield. The 10g displays the white eagle of Poland. Both designs have the date "1915," the letters "K. O. M. W.," the initials of Komitet Obywatelsky Miasta Warszawsky (in English, "Committee of Citizens Warsaw") numerals of value in each lower corner with "groszy" between them. We do

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ICS Com'l Course, duplicating outfit, ex. for stamps. A. Smith, 2089 Evelyn, Memphis, Tenn. [13]

not find any varieties in the surcharged figures "2" but there are two distinct types of the "6," a heavy faced figure, 2 1/2 mm. wide, and a thinner, more open figure, 3 mm. wide. The second type of the "6" is only found in the five stamps of the vertical row at the extreme right of sheet.

Ewen's Weekly says that two other values are to appear without surcharge—the 2g with view of the Sabieski Memorial at Warsaw, and the 20g with view of the Poniatowski Bridge in Warsaw.

VENEZUELA.—Elliott Perry and Thomas J. Gabriel have favored us with specimens of the 25c value in the new Venezuelan series. We have now seen all values but the 10c, but Scott's Circular lists that as having been issued.

Adhesives.

10c vermilion.
25c bright blue.

New York Stamp Society.

A. P. S. Branch 44.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 3, 1916.

Mr. J. M. Bartels presided, 20 members and 3 visitors being present. In the absence of Mr. W. O. Staeb, Mr. H. Meininger was appointed Secretary pro tem.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted. After regular routine of meeting was finished, Mr. E. A. Fleisher's collection of Sudan was exhibited by Mr. E. Klein, Mr. Fleisher being unable to attend. Mr. Klein called attention to the fact that this collection was a medal winner at the recent N. Y. Exhibition. Votes of thanks were rendered to Messrs. Fleisher and Klein. Mr. Jancovich also addressed and thanked Mr. Klein in Arabic, a language which is rarely heard in cosmopolitan New York.

Mr. Meininger gave a very interesting and amusing talk on his experience as stamp collector.

Mr. Klein donated two hand books on Sudan for free drawing which were won by Messrs. Stypman and Eggers.

Mr. Jancovich returned under the rules of the contest the President's cup, which he had held for the past year. Messrs. Jancovich and Schlesinger, who were tied for the prizes for this year, was decided by drawing for the prizes. Mr. Jancovich getting the president's cup and Mr. Schlesinger the N. Y. Stamp Society's cup.

Dr. Homburger has agreed to take Mr. Schlesinger's place and give us a talk as per our printed program.

Mar. 2, Exhibit:—Confederate States by J. Klemann, competitive display, 10 rarest covers, talk by H. M. Lewy.

Mar. 16, Open Exchange and Auction.

Apr. 6, Exhibit:—Old German States, T. Steinway, competitive display, triangular stamps, talk by Dr. Homburger.

Apr. 20, Auction and exchange.

May 4, Exhibit:—Danish West Indies, J. M. Bartels, competitive display, bisected stamps, talk, Vahan Moizan.

May 18, Auction and exchange.

June 1, Exhibit:—U. S. 1861-7, W. B. Sprague, competitive display, 10 scarcest stamps cat. \$1, talk by H. Mouhib.

Sept. 7, Exhibit:—Aeroplane service, P. M. Mann, contest by H. M. Mann; talk, H. Moye.

Sept. 21, Auction and exchange.

Oct. 5, Exhibit:—Reference collection, E. Klein, contest by A. J. Wagner, talk by E. J. Koller.

Oct. 19, Auction and exchange.

Nov. 2, Exhibit:—Columbian Rep., A. Hatfield, Jr., competition, most beautiful stamp, talk, A. Hermann.

Nov. 14, Auction and exchange.

Dec. 7, Exhibit:—100 pages from Col. of J. A. Steinmetz, competitive display, uncatalogued varieties, talk, Mrs. Held.

Dec. 15, Special awarding of prizes, Christmas entertainment. (Free drawing at each meeting.)

W. O. STAEB, Sec.

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E. T. N.—In mounting your stamps, use a good peelable hinge. This can be obtained from any of the dealers in your town. Moisten one end of the hinge about one-eighth inch and apply to the top of the stamp, on reverse side. Now moisten the other end of the hinge for one-eighth inch and apply to your album page. Bend the hinge so that the crease comes to the top of the perforations on the stamp. This will protect them when the stamp is raised. If care is taken to moisten the ends only of the hinge, the lower end of the hinge should be fastened to the page while the middle section should not adhere to the page, but should be free to allow the stamp to be raised for inspection. A little practice will soon enable you to work quickly. If this is not sufficiently clear, send 2c stamp and I shall be glad to explain it more fully in a private reply.

2.—Labuan and North Borneo stamps are available for postage, though postally used copies are much rare than the cancelled to order. In fact, postally cancelled copies are worth over catalog in most instances. The circular town cancellation is generally a sign of a postally used copy, while the oval bar cancellation in the corner indicates cancelled to order.

3.—Sorry you've missed this department. I shall try to be a little more regular in the future.

4.—Don't send your stamps for inspection, please. I can't take the responsibility of handling other peoples' stamps. Ask as many questions as you like. I'm always glad to hear from you.

E. C. B.—Your Mexican stamps surcharged with date "1908-09" and similar dates, and with or without label, are revenues. Costa Rica is one of my favorites, too. I don't know of any work on that country. I am specializing in it myself. Perhaps you or some of the literature collectors can give me some light on articles on this country. Some day I may know enough to write one myself.

R. M.—Your 4 sen Japan is surcharged for use in China, and is listed at 8c unused.

A. J. J.—Your red sticker inscribed "The Postamper saves time, prevents loss, audits postage account—The Postamper Co.—Chicago" is an advertising label. This was undoubtedly made for demonstration in the Postamper machine, a device for stamping mail. The Schermack Company used a similar label in their machine a few years ago for advertising purposes.

2.—The label inscribed "half your letter postage is a tax" was issued by the National One Cent Letter Postage Association, Cleveland, Ohio, for use

in their fight for one cent postage on first class matter.

3.—Your label inscribed "Protective Stamp" and "National Wholesale Liquor Dealers Association" is a new one on me.

The above are all "cousins of stamps" and are not stamps in the philatelic sense. Many collectors include these things as a side line, as they are more or less interesting.

E. R.—Livonia is a Russian province on the Baltic Sea, about 178 miles long and 111 miles wide. Wenden is a district in this province. Livonia is governed under the Russian Empire. It is a flat, sandy country, but produces fair crops when cultivated. Riga is the capital.

2.—Marokko is the correct German spelling for Morocco. This accounts for the correction made on the surcharged stamps.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE STAMP WORLD?

The war is bringing the mail orders of South America to U. S. instead of to Europe. We're glad to get the stamps over here.

The 4c Ecuador is ranking with the 4c Costa Rica in scarcity. The 3c is worth saving, too. They are few and far between.

A block of 10c Mexican 1915 unroulletted between failed to cause a sensation at a local dealer's store. These things must be expected from a country that has the stamp habit. Look out for other values.

Ever see any 14c Chile used? Evidently the Chileans don't like to lick Sr. Pinto's portrait, for the 12c wasn't used extensively.

Not having followed current issues for a month or two, we are surprised by the new Honduras set, and the Dominican Republic surcharges. These surcharges may prove good property. Many of the Dominican stamps are far scarcer than one would suppose.

Liberia has issued a red cross stamp. It is Iceland's turn next.

Someone is overlooking a bet. Why not a set of stamps for the Friendly Islands, or Christmas Island.

Keep your weather eye open for the two types of the new King George New Zealand stamps. What are they? Why the first type has a background of lines, while the second has a solid background. I have seen the second type with war surcharge only.

Cancelling ink must be getting expensive. In a recent lot of mail order covers, the stamps are only half obliterated, so I can make out the designs quite readily. Three Philippine stamps were fine! Really, though, they are hitting them lighter.

And Costa Rica still uses the 1910 issue. Pretty good for Central America. Five years since this country broke loose.

Business is good. Local dealers are all looking healthy. I saw one man eyeing a S—Six at the Auto Show. I looked at one. Anyone can do that.

Isn't it about time for Hayti or Nicaragua to erupt again?

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For references we offer:—F. S. Parmelee the well known Omaha dealer, the First National Bank and the Omaha Commercial Club. Consignments of stamps will be promptly forwarded.

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NOTES ON THE U. S. 12c 1912-15.

Double and Triple Transfers.

By PERCY MCG. MANN.

My earlier notes about these stamps, published in the WEEKLY of January 29, have brought many inquiries about them from students of U. S. emissions. Rather than reply to each individual inquiry, the following will divulge all the information I at present have about these varieties.

The lower right pane of plate No. 6902 shows every stamp in a normal condition.

The lower right pane of plate No. 6900 shows stamp No. 19 double, No. 36 normal, No. 37 triple, Nos. 38, 39 double, Nos. 46, 47, 48, 49 double, No. 50 normal, No. 56, 57, 58, 59 double, No. 60 normal, No. 66 normal, Nos. 67, 68 double. These are all I have "plated".

The lower right pane of plate No. 6913 shows stamp Nos. 56, 57 double, No. 58 triple, No. 59 normal, No. 60 double, No. 66 double, No. 67 normal, Nos. 68, 69, 70 double, Nos. 76, 77 normal, No. 78 double, No. 79 normal, No. 80 double, No. 86 normal, Nos. 87, 88 double, No. 89 normal, No. 90 double, No. 96 to No. 100 inclusive, normal.

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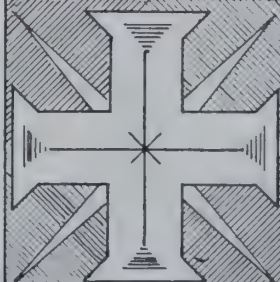
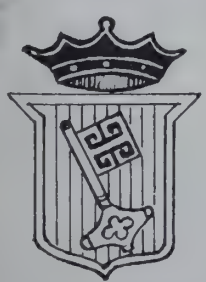
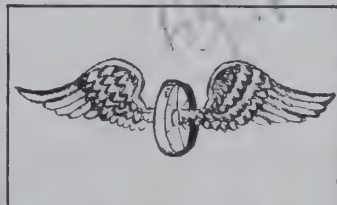
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Then again there are the two very distinct shades of the 1d perf. 12. One would not expect such variation in one consignment (printing). It also sounds reasonable to query the compound perforation variety: was this also in the "one" consignment?

These facts lead one to the belief that the 1d of June 6th, 1868, belonged to the perf. 12 issue, and consequently that the first consignment of this value with the new perforation was in October, 1870.

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The 4d was printed in sheets of 25 (5x5). We have heard a rumour of a sheet of 24, but this is probably a mistake and refers to the "re-issue" which will be dealt with later.

There are two distinct shades of this stamp, lake and lake-brown. The descriptions "pale rose" and "flesh-coloured paper" are undoubtedly superfluous. There certainly are variations in the

tint of the paper, but there is no fast line as there is every conceivable minor shade between the so-called "rose" and "flesh" papers to be found. The paper as supplied might be styled pale dull brownish rose, the various offshoots in our opinion being changelings.

There are a few minor varieties in the sheet, but they are of the usual unimportant type associated with all lithographed stamps. The one minor variety worth consideration is a broken A in ISLANDS, which appears thus A.

The Six Pence.—Once again the so-called two colours of paper require some explanation. There was only one consignment of this stamp consisting of 40 sheets (1,000 stamps). The catalogue would have us believe therefore that 20 sheets were on white and 20 on toned paper. It is possible but most improbable.

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- (iii) Solid coloured border. [Coloured border.]

The "coloured border" (iii) is an addition to the "double lined" frame (ii) variety, this being clearly proved by the obvious impression of the latter on all specimens. The "single lined" type (according to "West Indies") is attributed to "a defective transfer or to wearing of the die, the colour thus running and joining the two lines into one."

We can find nothing to substantiate the above theories. Why the die should have worn in this instance requires a lot of proving: what was there to wear the die—a few proofs and a few impressions for transfers? The "defective transfer" is of course possible. We prefer Mr. Smith's assumption that the die itself was retouched. There is little doubt that too much importance is attached to the "single" and "double lined" frames for in very many cases the difference is more imaginary than real.

As regards the consignments sent out, Messrs. Bacon & Maycock suggest that the 10,000 of 1867 were exclusively of the "coloured margins" type and the two entries of 1s stamps in 1868 indicate 1,000 of each variety "in the uncertainty as to which variety of the 1s was preferred." From the above we therefore have a total of 2000 plain border against 11,000 coloured (less 2500 surcharged "4d" later). Commenting upon these figures Mr. Smith observed: "it follows that the 11,000 1s stamps of 1866 were all of the "double-lined" variety; 1,000 of these, as has been said, were no doubt with "plain border"; the remaining 10,000 were in great part (probably wholly, as Messrs. Bacon & Maycock believe) with coloured margins in addition. But since the "coloured margin" stamps were all with "double lines", we would have to suppose (if we accept the theory that the consignment of 1868 was divided into "plain border" and "coloured margins"—1,000 of each) that 50 sheets were printed off and that the die was then retouched and a fresh transfer made to print off the other 50 sheets. Is it not more reasonable to suppose that the whole 100 sheets were of the "single line" type, and that the division of them was due simply to an invoicing-clerk's copy of the symmetrical arrangement of the consignment into packets of 1000?" An interesting unissued variety of the 1sh "coloured border" is known with the central figure missing. This is merely a printer's trial, and not an issued error as it is often described.

Another variety (which does not appear to have been noted anywhere) consists of a defective (?) "coloured border"—the border being about twice as thick as the normal variety. Probably a complete sheet was printed with this "double" coloured border.

The only minor variety of interest is a curious long tailed S.

Reference List.

1867-76. Printed by Waterlow & Sons of London on white wove unwatermarked paper. Perf. 15.

1d, blue-green, yellow-green.
imperfate.
"toned" paper.

4d, lake, lake-brown on fleshy-rose.
"A" for "A".

6d, pale rose, dull rose.
"toned" paper.
long tailed "S" in "ISLANDS".

1sh, rose-carmine and black.
"toned" paper.
double lined frame (white paper).
blue paper.

1sh, crimson and black [coloured margins].
"toned" paper.
blue paper.
double coloured margins.
centre omitted.
long tailed "S".

(To be continued.)

SIGNIFICANCE OF MEXICAN EAGLE.

Legend Tells of Aztec Founding of Mexico City Where Eagle Flew With Serpent.

Some of the stamps of Mexico show an eagle on a brush or branch of nopal—a common cactus—holding a serpent in his beak. The interpretation is sometimes given that this is the serpent of despotism, but the legend of the seal goes further back than the time of the Spaniards with the various forms of civil and ecclesiastical control that were imposed by them on the land, from 1512 to 1821, when the Spanish yoke was thrown off.

The story is that during the time of the Aztecs the people were looking for a place to found their city. They came to the borders of Lake Texcoco, and there they halted. The legend says that they saw before them an immense golden eagle—some say a small eagle—on a



cactus with a serpent in its talons and its wings spread to the rising sun. Forthwith, they laid their foundation of the great city, Tenochtitlan, which is the City of Mexico of today. The date set for this, of course conjectural, is about 1325.

At first built with reeds and rushes on piles on the edge of the lake, the rude Indian huts were in time replaced by a huge city of stone, very massive and with something of the engineering and artistic skill which the ancient monuments of Egypt display. Mexico City today stands in the midst of streets that ran outside the walls along the very causeways where the streets entered Tenochtitlan of old. The Aztec temple was a pyramid 100 feet high with 114 steps from the ground to the broad esplanade upon which 30 horsemen could ride in tourney. From the top of this temple, Cortez looked down on the beautiful land which he was to dominate. A causeway led from Lake Chalco to Lake Texcoco, and over this the Spaniards came. The old city was intersected with canals, like a veritable Venice, and these canals have today become streets of the City of Mexico.

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By HUBERT LYMAN CLARK.

I was much interested in Mr. Poole's article on the stamps of the Marshall Islands, but with two of his statements I have reason to differ. In the second paragraph he states that since the Spanish-American war, the "delivery and despatch of mail" has been "accidental." Now I have no direct proof in reference to mail carriage but for many years the steamers of Burns, Philp and Company of Sydney have made regular bi-monthly trips between that city and the Marshall Islands. I feel fairly sure that they are regular carriers of mail, but possibly I am wrong.

The second matter is more important. Mr. Poole says in regard to the first issue of stamps, those surcharged "Marshall-Inseln;" "Whether the two lower values were ever used or not seems doubtful." I was much surprised at this statement for my son has in his collection fine postally used copies of each. Regarding the 5pf I know nothing except that it bears the cancellation "Jaluit—Marshall Inseln—10/11—99," and appears to have done postal service. But of the 3pf I know the history, which I think is of some interest. In 1899-1900, Professor Alexander Agassiz of Harvard University made one of his extended cruises in the Pacific to study coral reefs and islands. He visited the Marshall Islands and was at Jaluit, Jan. 9-13, 1900. This place was one of his coaling stations and for more than a year before leaving America, he had been laying and perfecting his plans for having coal ready for him at strategically selected points. He had thus had some correspondence with Jaluit and among other pieces of mail which reached him at the Museum in Cambridge was a printed circular of some kind in a wrapper bearing a horizontal pair of the "Marshall-Inseln" 3pf. For some unknown reason, this wrapper lay in a drawer of Mr. Agassiz's desk until 1907 when it was dropped into a box of stamps on pieces of cover. One day I took my boy into Mr. Agassiz's room and he asked the secretary for some stamps. She produced the box and he saw the Marshall Island stamps at once. Seeing his interest she promptly and generously broke the pair with care and gave him one! Had we known as much of stamps then as we do now, I wonder if we could have stood seeing the pair broken! Or would we have nobly sacrificed our prize, that the pair might remain intact? The stamp he has is a beauty but the cancellation just fails to show the year; the date otherwise is 17/11 and I think the year was probably 1899, though it is possible that it was 1898. At any rate, that the stamp was postally used from Jaluit before 1900 is perfectly certain.

It may be of interest to add that altho my son has made special efforts to complete his series of postally used Marshall Islands stamps, he has not yet succeeded in finding a copy of the 25pf of the second series (Scott's No. 11), nor the mark values of the third series. The catalogue prices of used copies do not seem to me to be in keeping with their rarity.

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We provide our readers with another contest this week and one that will test their philatelic eye and interest. How many stamps are pictured in part on this cover designed by W. G. Birdseye of Roselle, N. J.? You may have until March 20 to send in your answers and the best solutions will be awarded the following prizes:

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—"I have a sheet of 70 of the 1m black Aguinaldo stamps (Scott's No. 2). On this sheet I have noticed several minor varieties. What strikes me most is that these varieties always occur in the corners of a block of 30 stamps, six wide and five high. For instance one is a small dot after the P of "Filipinas", and other similar ones. There are just four of each variety on the sheet, and always in the corners of the block of 30. How is it explained?"—HERBERT RICHTER.

—"The Post Office Department recently issued an order to the effect that all letters upon which delivery could not be effected, and were advertised, then forwarded to the Dead Letter Office, should be returned to the sender collecting 1c postage. It is evident that the ruling is intended to offset some of the cost attached to maintaining the dead letter office."—WALLACE K. AUSTIN.

—"Early in January a bag of registered mail was stolen in San Antonio, Texas, and among the various packages in this bag was one of my 20th century selections of Hayti mounted in a 'Miniature' album and value about \$250. The selection included a number of scarce varieties, such as the 'Gt Pre 1902' surcharges in tête-bêche blocks, double and inverted, blocks of the 1907 provls. showing errors without surcharge, block of four of the 10c of 1904 with inverted centre, etc. Should any reader of your paper be offered such a selection I shall be glad if he will kindly communicate with me."—B. W. H. POOLE.

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EDITORIAL.

A Favorite—The illustrations that are given in this issue of the complete sheet of fifty examples of the five cent black New York as they were arranged originally on the plate is a most important contribution to the fund of public philatelic knowledge. Through the intelligent co-operation of Mr. E. R. Jacobs and Mr. R. McP. Cabeen, we are enabled to present visibly the position of each stamp on the plate all in the compass of two pages; and it is needless to say that it would be impossible to furnish absolute descriptions of the characteristics under notice in text. For necessary reasons, the "effigy of Washington" is omitted from the reproduction but a glance will show that the space gained through the exigency is put to good service as in it, the essentials of identification are given. That the WEEKLY's enterprise in giving the illustration will be appreciated is certain as for some time past, we have been aware of the demand of not a few collectors for descriptions that would allow of an understanding of the sheet units and particularly, the shifts of their New Yorks; and now this knowledge will not be the exclusive property of a favored few.

Sportsmanship—It was gratifying to observe the friendly and cheerful spirit in which the eighty-two participants in our January cover rebus contest entered it. The battle of wits attracted all classes of readers and we were not prepared for the exhibit of literary and artistic skill that made a number of the entries a delight to the eye and the mind. The boy of eight enlisted with the sage of eighty-three years "young" in the wit's-sharpening. The report of the judge will be found on another page; and in this connection we thank all of those who helped to make the competition a success.

New To Us—A railroad postal marking both interesting and unusual has been shown to us by Mr. F. H. Drury,

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in consequence of the recent observations on the subject of similar markings in this column. On the upper left-hand corner of a letter-sheet that is dated Wilbraham, Mass., August 27th, 1844, is the impression in dark red ink: "Railroad Car." It is noticed that the writer of the letter started the epistle: "I am this morning at Wilbraham Station and was expecting to start on the cars for Worcester, etc." It would be a satisfaction to know just what the circumstances were that explained the use of the "Railroad Car" hand-stamp.

First of All—Dr. Carroll Chase, Brooklyn, New York, who is steeped in the lore of early United States stamps and postal customs, speaks as follows: "I was much interested in your little article headed 'Early Cancellations' in the WEEKLY for February 5th. In my article in the *Philatelic Gazette* for November, 1914, there is a more recent and much more extensive list of these cancellations than in the article published several years ago to which you refer. In that later article, the earliest railroad cancellation that I had seen (one in 1843) was mentioned. Many exist on the 1847 issue. I am wondering if the cover you mention with the B. O. cancellation used in 1840 is entirely authentic. There was no five cent rate of inland postage at that time, this rate being first used in 1845." We do not attach much importance to the date that was written on our envelope; and we used an exclamation point in speaking of the date to mildly suggest our skepticism. The notation on the envelope in question would not be accepted as proving the abnormally early date, 1840, of railroad cancellation.

Black Deed—Speaking of smudge cancellations, which we were not, of course, Captain Clyde B. Parker, Fort Shafter, H. T., submits the worst or best horrible example that we have seen for some time past. One piece of cover bears fourteen of the current ten cent, canceled "Lima, Ohio" in fat letters half an inch high. A second cover with twelve of the ten cent is as badly decorated. The "red on yellow" so dear to the heart of the circus folk is not as striking as this black on yellow. We have seen stamps completely covered with the ink so that no sign of the color was seen; and this smudging was due according to the explanation of the post office potentates to an excess of ink in trying out the canceling pad but Lima's deed is one of deliberate iniquity.

Wrong Cap—From Mr. Wm. E. Schilling, Baltimore, Md., we have received two stamps with the letter of explanation: "In No. 1309 of your WEEKLY, 'Philatelic Father Goose' reminded me of the enclosed two stamps that I found several months ago in looking through a boxful of the two cent, 1890. I found a good many left caps and both caps,—but these two I do not think are right caps." The accompanying stamps are not right caps although they show a thinner inked impression about where the right cap would be. Since our reference to the "right cap" stamp some time ago, we have received several confirmatory letters of the existence of the right cap 2. Why not round up a few right caps that are a credit to their class and submit them to the chief skeptics and thereby convert them to the paths of philatelic righteousness.

Think Again—"My idea of zero in philatelic excitement is to attend an auction sale of 673 lots and bid just once or

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Recovered—Practically all of the stamps stolen from the vault in St. Paul some time ago have been recovered in Chicago where those charged with the crime are under arrest. An inventory of the stolen goods makes interesting reading as the "loot" comprised documentary stamps ranging from the one cent to the five hundred dollar, inclusive. In addition proprietary, wines and cordials and tobacco stamps were taken. Over one million of the one cent documentary were among the spoils while but three of the \$500 are listed. Of the ten dollar, 16,300 were stolen; thirty dollar, 802; sixty dollar, 218; one hundred dollar, 88; and of the five dollar, 2,500.

Advertising—We have received a photograph of the display of stamps made in the window of a down-town store at Niagara Falls, New York, under the auspices of the Niagara Philatelic Club as well as several newspaper clippings from the dailies of the city, all of which show that the club worked to excellent purpose. For three days the window was dedicated to a really meritorious exhibition of attractive stamps on sheets, philatelic publications and accessories and the public flocked to the scene. A card was devoted to the issues of the "Warring Nations" and the claims of philately were made in the following words: "Beacon lights of history, gems of art, disseminators of universal knowledge, monuments of heroes, records of industrial achievements, mute witnesses of the rise and fall of empires,—all these and more are stamps." We hope that the commendable example of the Niagara Philatelic Club will inspire a spirit of emulation on the part of other societies, as successful efforts of the kind accomplish more practical good for philately than pages of verbal exhortation.

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—In our issue of February 5th, we entered the query as to what stamp has the word "love" on it. It has been answered by several of our subscribers who offer Liberia as a winner. Solutions were received from Rev. Joseph Dreyer, Frank Kocher, E. P. Morehouse and Frank H. Koon.

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The competition based on the stamps shown in a small detail of their design on the cover of our twenty-fifth anniversary number dated January 8th, 1916, was a singularly successful one. Eighty-two of our readers submitted their findings and the average merit of the entries was surprisingly high. Indeed, so clever artistically and in a literary sense were not a few of the contributions that the judge feels it incumbent upon himself to recommend honorable mention to some of the efforts that did not qualify for prizes on the essential of correctness but which nevertheless deserve recognition for their merit otherwise.

The following is the list of countries, twenty in all, that is the key as given by the ingenious creator of the cover: The central design of ship, British Guiana; and the frame surrounding the whole design, Great Britain, 1887-92. The label bearing the name of the WEEKLY, 3 and 5pf, Germany, 1889. The ornament in the upper left-hand corner, Samoa; and that in the upper right-hand corner, Jamaica, four pence orange while the leaves at right and left of the ends of label indicated New South Wales, one penny, 1888. Flanking the ship at left, Labuan, above and Greece, 1891, below. Correspondingly at left, is the corner ornament of "swastika" of early Hong Kong and below, the U. P. U. monogram of Costa Rica, 1889, two pesos. Turkey's crescent is found above the left wing of eagle of Ecuador and Norway's post-horn above the right pinion. The frame below the water is Honduras, 1890, and just below is Paraguay's liberty pole with star and cap. In the lower left corner, detail of Falkland Islands, 1891; and in the lower right corner, Japan's chrysanthemum. The eagle is perched on Corea's sign of the "dual forces of nature."

Eight competitors, as follows, had a perfect score, having named the twenty countries:

First: **HOWARD R. SHERMAN, JR.,** 24 Union St., Montclair, New Jersey.

Second: **M. and F. WILLIAMS,** 28 Gorcham St., Cambridge, Mass.

Third: **FRANK L. APPLGATE,** Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Fourth: **E. P. MOREHOUSE,** Williams-town, Mass.

Fifth: **PAUL EHMAN,** 330 E. Cass St., Ypsilanti, Michigan; **HOWARD ALGEO,** 233 W. 143rd St., New York City; **RAYMOND VAN BUSKIRK,** 129 Claremont Av., Montclair, New Jersey, and **A. ORENASEK,** 142 S. 6th Avenue, Mt. Vernon, New York.

Mr. Sherman's contribution was a beautifully executed drawing of the cover in miniature with the neatest of lettering, all on the sheet of note size paper; and his idea of the fitness of the design was conveyed in the following words: "This design is an appropriate one for the WEEKLY in that every stamp represented was issued at about the time the paper made its first appearance, so that they, too, are celebrating their Quarter Centennial with the WEEKLY. The stately ship in the center is a splendid representation of the paper—every sail set to grasp each opportunity as it comes along, and sailing steadily and safely through every stormy tempest to a golden jubilee in the future."

The winners of the second prize, M. and F. Williams, submitted a paraphrase of Hiawatha embodying the answers with marginal drawings of the clues in the quest. The literary merit of this contribution entitles it to high commendation.

Frank L. Applegate sent a cleverly conceived letter that made a good setting for his answers in the course of which he said truly that the scrolled ornament under the ship was considered the most elusive ornament of them all.

E. P. Morehouse was awarded fourth prize on the strength of a thoughtful and philosophical letter that was a veritable fountain of inspiration. While Mr. Morehouse is not our oldest subscriber being only eighty-three years young, he is entitled to venerable mention.

The fifth prize was gained by Paul Ehman who in a ten page letter entered most exhaustively into the subject, in fact, he found twenty-one subjects without disturbing his correct count.

The entries of Howard Algeo, Raymond Van Buskirk and A. Orenasek met all requirements and attained the necessary one hundred percentage of correctness.

Honorable Mention:

Harold L. Hock, 17 South Ave., Ithaca, N. Y.
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Mrs. E. W. Sherman, 61 Cottage St., New Bedford, Mass.

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Allan Greeley, 117 West Forsyth St., Jacksonville, Florida.

H. B. Gamberston, 4837 17th St., San Francisco, Cal.

Practically all of those named on the roll of honor had nineteen answers right and some who are on the list are entitled to the highest commendation. Mr. Hock's entry was a wonderfully elaborate one; it was to all effect, an extra-illustrated volume of many type-written pages, illustrated not alone with handsome enlarged drawings of the subjects but also by the stamps themselves. This contribution cannot be described too enthusiastically and we are almost too impressed for words by this splendid piece of work, so eloquently bespeaking the genius of the maker. Mr. Thompson scored an artistic triumph and a poetic hit by his brilliant effort, while Mrs. Sherman, Mr. Bates and Mrs. Horine excelled in artistic effects. The stories of Mr. Clark and Mr. Wells were most ingenious and should have fuller recognition than we give them at present; and we must not forget to acknowledge the clever rhymes of Dr. Wells. The contest was one of the most satisfactory ever held by the WEEKLY and we make grateful acknowledgement to all those who aided in achieving the happy result. The reliquary of the WEEKLY is enriched by additions of great sentimental value.

Those receiving honorable mention may select three books from our list of publications.

It may be added that the scroll of Honduras was very elusive and some of the competitors ignored it completely. Ceylon was incorrectly given in place of Jamaica in many instances and the leaves of New South Wales on different papers were wrongly assigned. Samoa, Falkland Islands and Iceland were minor stumbling blocks.

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The description of every position has been secured and checked by means of

pairs. You really must appreciate, of course, that in attempting to plate any single stamp from the accompanying plate the secret marks were necessarily exaggerated. In some positions it is very difficult to locate a single stamp as the marks are so indistinct, especially



on later prints. In pairs, however they can be absolutely located.

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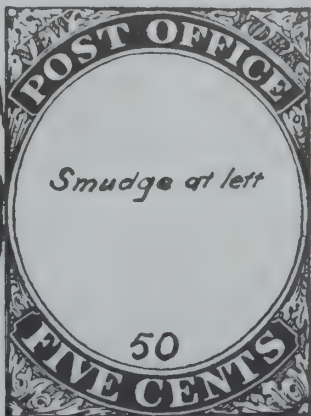
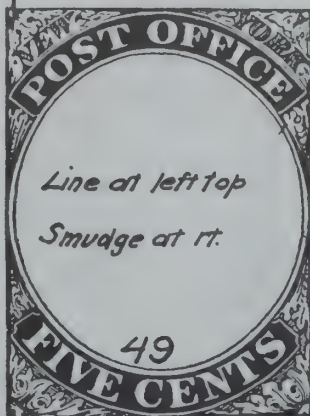
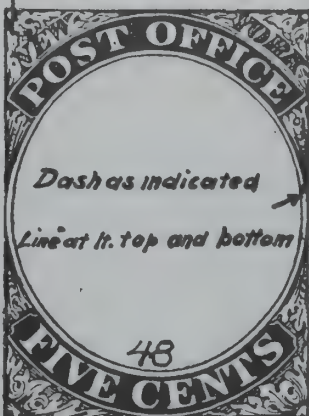
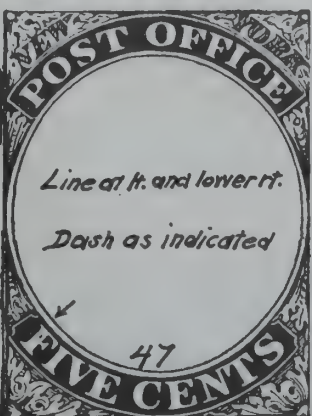
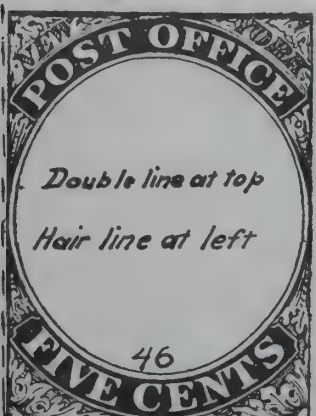
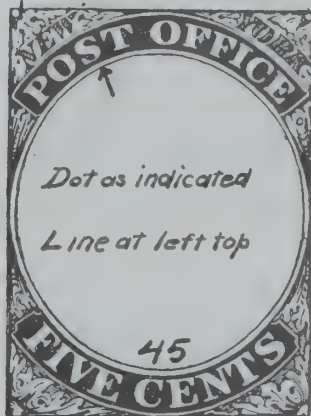
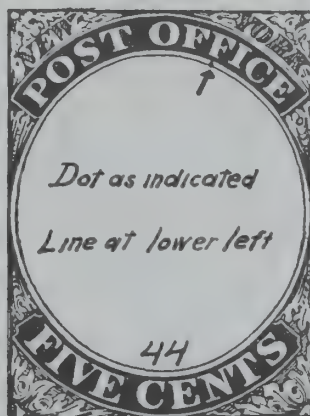
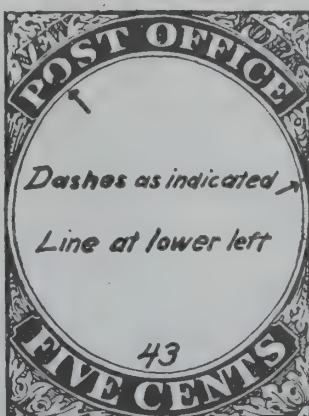
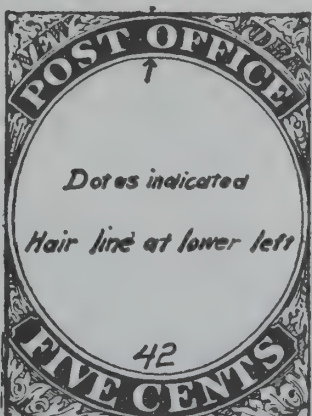
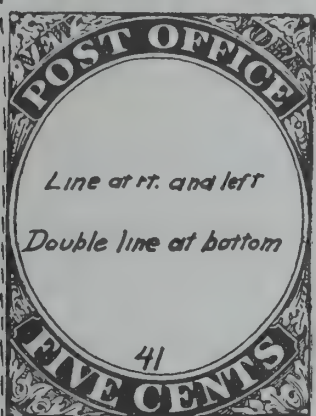
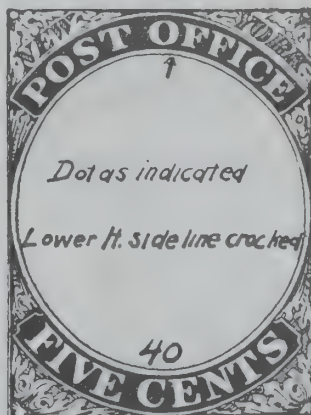
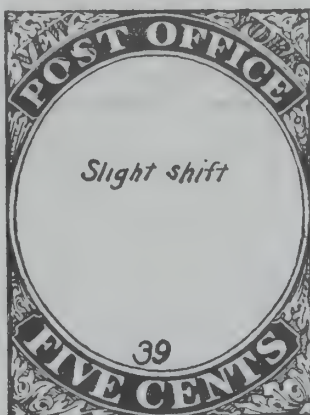
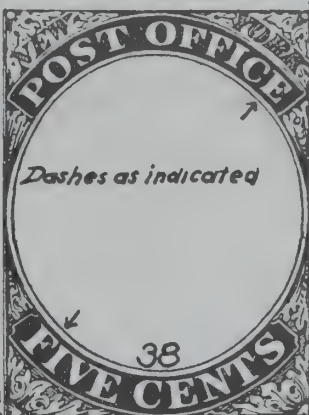
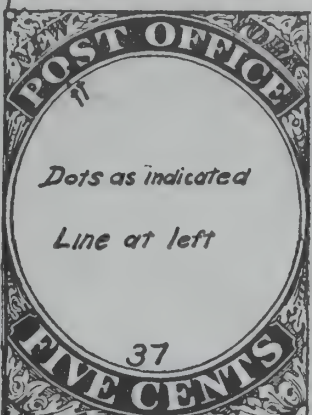
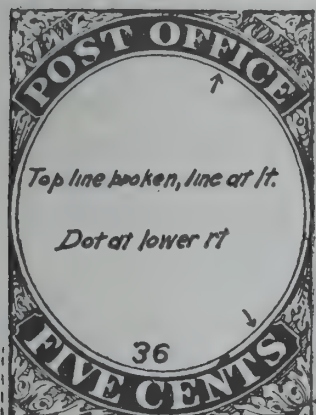
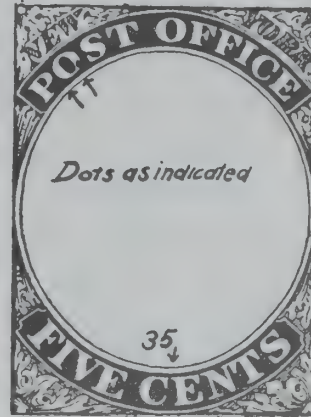
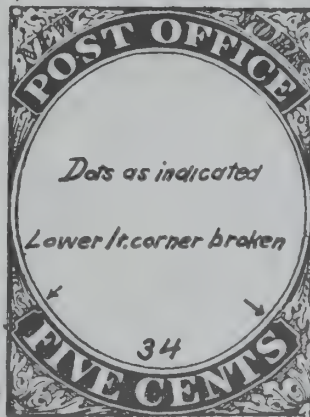
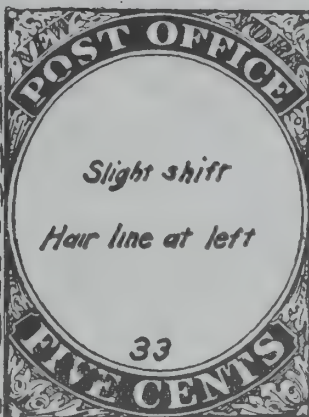
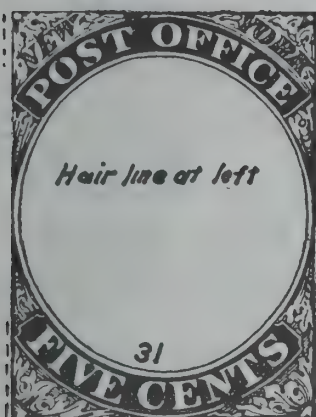
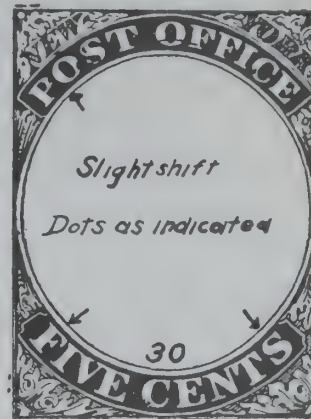
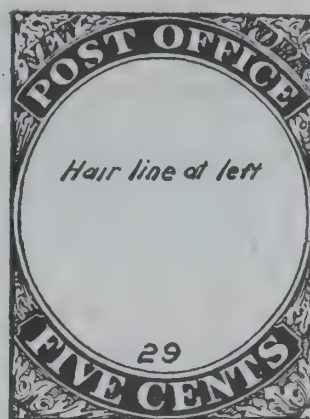
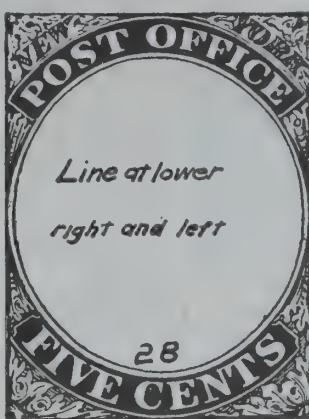
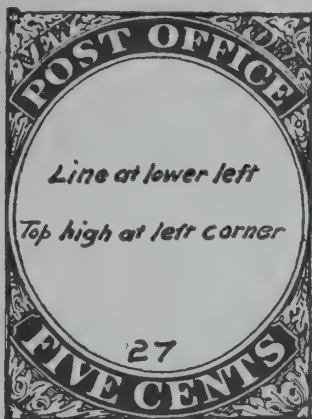
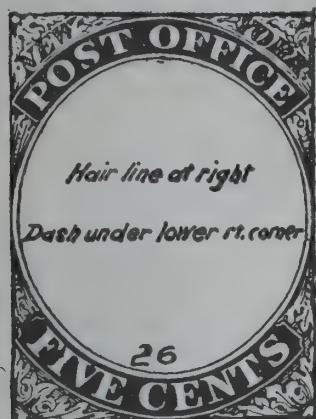
being Scott's No. 17a and No. 46 showing the top line recut, may be classed as the major varieties.

Of the remaining 42 stamps, the following have marks which identify them clearly: Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11,

13, 17, 19, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 34, 37, 38, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49 and 50.

This leaves fourteen stamps which are very difficult to locate with single copies. Any student plating should not be satisfied to locate these positions without

actually checking them with pairs or with copies that have been compared, and, of course, the ideal way is to reconstruct your plate with these positions in pairs.



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1911, 1kr 500 ultra, Die C (40c)	..15
*Roumania Charity, 1915, 5b gr., 10b rose	
50b or., 10b unp. Timbre de Ajustor	..25

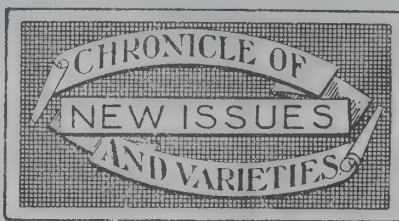
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UNITED STATES.—The following chronicle of new envelopes has been furnished by J. M. Bartels:

Denom.	Die.	Type.	Size	Paper.	Wmk.	Kn.
2c	C	5	White		19	99
2c	A	4	White		20	95
2c	A	9	Amber		20	61
2c	C	5	Amber		20	99
2c	D v.5	8	White		20	91
*2c	1916	7	White		20	51
2c	1916	8	White		20	59
2c	1916	8	White		20	91
2c	1916	9	White		20	61

* New circular die.

F. J. Rider of the Gray Stamp Co. has shown us the current 12c in a fine reddish brown so distinct from the catalogued shade that it must be recognized as a shade variety. It is a result of the shortage of dyes, as with the 2c and 3c previously noted.

BELGIUM.—Ewen's Weekly chronicles a new series of Postal Packet stamps, consisting of 20 values. The lower values, 10c to 90c are a revised and improved design of the franc values of the railway stamps of 1902 for this country, with the exception that the Belgian lion is at the bottom of the stamp in the centre and the value either side of it, whereas the 1902 issue has the lion at the top and the value forms the centre design at the bottom of the adhesive. The franc values represent a railway engine in the centre. At the top is written "Chemin de Fer" "Spoorwegen," immediately underneath are the words "BELGIQUE" "BELGIE." In the top left hand corner is a "hand" and in the top right corner the Belgian lion. In both of the bottom corners of the stamp is the value, beside the left value is the word "Francs," then the Belgian lion in a shield, and following that is written "Franken" which comes just to the left of the value in the right-hand lower corner. The whole series are on unwatermarked paper.

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10c green-blue.
15c olive-green.
20c dull brick-red.
25c dull sepia.
30c purple.
35c grey.
40c orange.
50c yellow-brown.
55c brown.
60c dull violet.
70c green.
80c red-brown.
90c prussian blue.
1fr dark grey.
1fr 10c ultramarine.
2fr brick-red.
3fr bright violet.
4fr emerald.
5fr sepia.
10fr tangerine.

BRITISH COLONIES.—According to the Colonial Journal, these additions have been made to the list of reversions to paper colored through (formerly white backs): British Guiana, 96c on yellow; Ceylon, 1r on yellow and 5r on green; Hong Kong, 50c on green.

BULGARIA.—Mr. Schachne reports the latest postal cards of this country, one of them being a military card. Both cards are printed on parchment paper. The regular issue has a divided obverse.

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5s dark gray on cream; military card.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Stamp Collecting reports the ordinary British "G" size registered envelope with a 2d black embossed stamp, inscribed "Registration two pence," instead of the ordinary 3d brown stamp. It is understood these are for use of the troops at the Front, postage being free; only the registration fee is charged, plus the 1/2d for the envelope.

Registration Envelope.

2d black.

GRENADA.—This Colony has issued a Red Cross stamp almost identical with that issued for Trinidad, except the necessary change of name. Like the latter, it has a semi-official character, in that it is allowed to be placed on the face of letters.

INDIA.—Ewen's Weekly notes the 6a King George stamp in a new shade, probably due to the lack of German dyes.

Adhesive.

6a orange brown.

ITALY.—Hermann Focke has shown us the unofficial Red Cross stamp of Italy, which is not to be confused with the two official stamps chronicled in No. 1311. This stamp is of large size, and shows a "map of the Kingdom, as the Irredentistas would like it to be, the maker of the stamp evidently considering the Trentino, as well as Istria (Trieste) and Dalmatia, virtually Italian property." The Italian territory is printed in red, and as Mr. Focke says the artist has made it include provinces still to be acquired. At the top is a large red cross in a circle, and "Pro Croce Rossa" and at the bottom "1915" also in red. Below the frame is the imprint "Istituto Geografico de Agostini, Novara." It is sold at 5 centesimi each, but has no postal value.

The Sterling Stamp Co. has also shown us the new "Cent. 20" on 15c as previously chronicled.

LIBERIA.—We are also indebted to the Sterling Stamp Co. for specimens of the new triangular Red Cross stamps, recently chronicled.

MOROCCO.—French Protectorate.—Three values of the current postage due stamps of France have been overprinted for use in this Protectorate, the 1c black, 10c chocolate and 20c olive green being thus treated. Stamp Collecting thus describes a new series of stamps issued for the Protectorate, but without giving colors:

There are six different types, representing monuments and views of six towns in Morocco, the designs being the work of M. de la Negiere on the spot. The views are printed in black, the frames, in colour, being based on architectural motifs of the quaint local style. The stamps, being recess-printed, indeed form a handsome set, made up of the following:—

- 1, 2 and 3c, View of the "Tour Hassan" at Rabat.
- 5, 10 and 15c, View of Bab-el-Djedid.
- 20, 25 and 30c, General view of ruins of Bab-Chillah, near Rabat.
- 35, 40 and 45c, View of the "Koutoubia" of Marrakech.
- 50c and 1f, View of Bab el Mansour, Meknes.
- 2, 5 and 10f, View of ruins of Volubilis, near Fez.

POLAND.—Warsaw.—Lemaire's Journal says that there were three types of the 6gr on 5gr recently chronicled: a. surcharged "6 groszy" without frame; b. surcharged "6 GROSZY" in plain rule frame; c. surcharged "6" twice.

SWITZERLAND.—According to Ewen's Weekly, a new value has been added to

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2	Cayman Is.	1900, 1p carm.	..12		.05	
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The second Bavarian book is made up similarly but instead of the crosses there are six advertisements and we notice one of the Chemnitz stamp dealer, Paul Köhl.

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February 21, 1916.

The 352nd (regular) meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society, Inc., was called to order at 8.15 this evening. The meeting was preceded by a dinner at the Hayward, at which 27 members and friends partook of a dinner which reflected great credit upon the management of the hostelry and upon the committee who made arrangements for same.

The application of Mr. C. O. Hurd was posted. Mr. H. F. Bucknam was elected to membership as No. 614. The President called upon various members to speak, it seeming appropriate to do so as this was our 25th anniversary. Messrs. Geo. L. Toppin, L. L. Greene, W. C. Stone, C. A. Howes, J. W. Prevost, Alex. Holland, C. K. B. Nevin, E. F. Sawyer, Chas. S. Hill and Oscar Hill responded and the evening proved to be a very sociable one. Mr. Carpenter then exhibited his duplicate of the collection of Portuguese stamps and its colonies as made for the King of Spain which was a very interesting one, and the 37 members and friends present passed a very enjoyable evening.

Reports of the various officers laid on the table from the previous meeting were approved.

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264th meeting, February 17, called to order by President Bartels, minutes of previous meeting read and accepted. 12 members and Messrs. Somereau and Silbernagel, visitors present. Mr. Silbernagel showed us some very beautiful copies of Hawaiians of the first issues and gave us some very interesting facts. He promised to be at our next meeting, March 2. A special feature will be J. Klemann's Confederates, competitive display, ten rarest covers and talk by H. M. Lewy, visitors welcome at all times. Anyone desiring a copy of our 1916 program should apply to secretary for same.

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The First "Cents" Issue.

While the somewhat cumbersome English currency of pounds, shillings and pence has presented little or no difficulty in those parts of the Empire where it has always been on the same basis as in the Mother country, the fact that in Canada it had two valuations—"currency" and "sterling"—made it an inevitable conclusion that a change would have to be made sooner or later. The close proximity of Canada to the United States gave it a very practical illustration of the advantages of a decimal system of money; the American currency of dollars and cents was legalised in the Province of Canada in 1853; and it is, therefore, small matter for wonder that ultimately a decimal system of currency similar to that in vogue in the United States was adopted. This change took place in 1859 and the Postmaster-General's Report for that year alluded to the necessary changes in the postage stamps as follows:

The Law of last Session directing the conversion of all postage rates into decimals, and the collection of postage in the new decimal currency, was put in operation on the 1st July. Decimal stamps of the value of 1 cent, 5 cents, and 10 cents for ordinary correspondence, and of 12 1/2 cents for Canadian, and of 17 cents for British Packet Postage Rates were obtained in readiness for the commencement of the Decimal Postage Law in July, 1859, and have from that date been issued in lieu of the stamps previously in use.

The Law referred to on the above mentioned Report was assented to on May 4th, 1859, and as some of the provisions are of philatelic interest we reproduce them as follows:—

1.—There shall be payable on all Newspapers sent by Post in Canada, except "Exchange Papers" addressed to Editors and Publishers of Newspapers, such rate of Postage, not exceeding one cent on each such Newspaper, as the Governor in Council shall from time to time direct by regulation and such rate shall be payable on all

such Newspapers, posted on or after the first day of July next.

2.—So much of any Act as provides that Newspapers posted within this Province shall pass free of postage, in cases other than those in which they will be free under this Act is hereby repealed.

3.—In order to adapt the operations of the Post Office to the Decimal Currency, the internal letter postage rate shall be changed from three pence to its equivalent of five cents, per half ounce—the charge for advertising a dead letter from three farthings to two cents—the charge for returning a dead letter to the writer, from one penny to three cents; and in all cases where a one half-penny or penny rate of Postage is chargeable, these rates shall be changed to one cent and two cents respectively.

4.—To promote simplicity and economy in the business of the Post Office, all letters posted in Canada for any place within the Province, and not prepaid, shall be charged seven instead of five cents per half ounce on delivery; and on letters posted for the British Mails, for the other British North American Provinces, or for the United States, when not prepaid, there shall be charged such addition to the ordinary rate, not in any case exceeding a double rate, as the Post Master General may agree upon with the Post Office Authorities of those Countries, for the purpose of enforcing prepayment.

5.—The Post Master General may establish a Parcel Post and parcels other than letters and not containing letters, may be sent by such Parcel Post, and when so sent shall be liable to such charges for conveyance and to such regulations as the Governor in Council shall from time to time see fit to make.

It will be noted that the above Act, aside from showing the rates in the new currency as compared with the old, provides for a greater limitation of the privilege of free transmission of newspapers, and also provides for the establishment of a Parcel Post.

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Later the parcel post system was extended so that it embraced the sister Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, the rate remaining at 25c per lb. Apparently the weight and size of a parcel acceptable by the postal authorities still remained delightfully vague and indefinite and was simply limited by "the carrying capacity of an ordinary mail bag."

As we have seen from the Postmaster-General's Report for 1859 the first "cents" stamps were placed in use on July 1st of that year. The series comprised the values 1c, 5c, 10c, 12 1/2c and 17c these corresponding to the 1/2d, 3d, 6d, 7 1/2d and 10d denominations previously in use. The designs of the new stamps were adapted from those of the corresponding values of the old issue as a comparison of the two series will amply demonstrate. The 1c differs from the 1/2d only in the words denoting the



value below the portrait. The 5c differs from the 3d not only as regards the new inscription of value but has small ornaments on the oval band dividing CANADA POSTAGE from FIVE CENTS. In the corners the numerals "5," replacing "3," are placed in an oblique position on a ground of crossed lines. The 10c differs from the 6d in having the corner numerals (represented by the Roman "X") placed obliquely on a cross hatched ground instead of upright on a ground of foliate ornamentation, while TEN



CENTS replaces SIX PENCE under the portrait. The 12 1/2c differs from the 7 1/2d only as regards the corners where "12 1/2c" replaces the former values of "6d. stg" and "7 1/2d cy". On the new 17c the words of value required so much more room than the TEN PENCE on the old denomination that the emblems between the upper and lower inscriptions on the oval were retired in favor of small elliptical ornaments. The upper corners were unaltered but in the lower ones

"10cy" was removed and "17" substituted.

It is obvious that the original dies were made use of in each case, the central portions being retained and new orders engraved.

The stamps were manufactured by the American Bank Note Company, of New York, which firm had succeeded to the business established by Messrs. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch and Edson. The new firm name came into effect on May 1st, 1858.

The stamps were printed in sheets of 100 by the line-engraved process the manufacturers' imprint, "American Bank Note Co., New York" appearing twice in each margin in very small letters. For some reason or other no imprint was applied to the plate for the 17c value.

In the Law relating to the adoption of decimal currency, reproduced above, we read in section 3 that "in all cases where a one-half penny or penny rate of Postage is chargeable, these rates shall be changed to one cent and two cents respectively." Yet, though a 1c stamp was included in the series in 1859 no 2c made its appearance until 1864. This new value was issued on August 1st, 1864, according to the Postmaster-General's Report for that year while the Report for the following year states that "A provision has been made for the transmission and delivery of Canadian periodicals, addressed to the United Kingdom, at the reduced rate of two cents each" and it is probably due to the increased demand for the 2c denomination under this new rate that the stamp made its appearance.



The design was evidently copied from the 1c though the addition of numerals in each of the lower corners gives it a strikingly different appearance from that of the lower value. Curiously enough the 2c was printed in almost the same color as the 1c and in commenting on this fact the Stamp Collectors' Magazine for October 1st, 1864, stated:—

We are surprised that a different hue was not chosen for the 2 cents, and should imagine its great similarity to the 1 cent, should the latter not be withdrawn from circulation, would tend to create confusion.

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(To be continued.)

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G. A. Roush has submitted a variety of the 1c, 1890, U. S. in dull blue to which no reference is made by Mr. Goodwin in his monograph on the stamps of the United States. We quote from Mr. Roush's letter as follows:
"The decoration at the top of the left hand value oval is prolonged down the right hand side of the figure 1 midway between the figure and the side of the oval, and in the right hand value oval the inside of the decoration on the right hand, instead of being perfectly rounded droops down in a point. I am not very much of an artist, but I have made a rough sketch of these two modifications,



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showing the variations from the standard variety. I enclose a damaged stamp which shows these modifications, although not as perfectly as other copies I have seen. In this copy the "icicle effect" on the right hand decoration is not as pronounced as on the copy that I have in my collection; also the streak in the left hand oval is not quite as long in this copy as in the one in my collection. In addition to this copy and the one that I have in my collection, a friend of mine has a horizontal pair of these stamps both of which show these variations perfectly and apparently identically the same."

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Dick Green, L. A. Judkins, Hugh P. Dunn, S. A. Ware (2), Malcolm H. Ganzer, Herman W. Boers (3), L. B. Gatchell, E. A. Kairies, Terrell Hauser, H. F. Christensen, F. W. Hayden, C. M. Breder, Hollis Thacher, C. A. Townsend, J. F. T. Galloway, A. E. Drought.

—S. A. Ware of Los Angeles, Cal., is another of our subscribers who takes the trouble to quote the section of the postal laws and regulations covering the 1c tax on letters returned from the Division of Dead Letters.

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—C. A. Brewster, 1432 Belt Av., St. Louis, Mo., can get no reply to letters sent David Kapelson, 7 Logan St., Lawrence, Mass. Mr. Brewster would like to hear from interested parties.

—Robt. J. Wagner, commenting on the article on Nicaragua Cordoba surcharges by Mr. Fuss, says that he cannot find in his large stock of Nicaraguas a single copy of the wide spacing on the locomotive set. He affirms the findings of Mr. Martin printed elsewhere in this issue to the effect that there were several different settings, many of them

too minor to deserve mention. Mr. Wagner would like to hear from anyone interested in the Cordoba surcharges and our readers may profit at some future time by the exchange of information bearing on this subject, in which much interest is being taken.

—The Medina Branch (S. P. A.) held a large meeting February 15 with forty-nine present. The boys were given an album each, a packet of stamps and sample copies of various stamp papers. Silas Weatherby is entitled to the credit for the interest that is being shown in this Ohio center of stamp collecting activity.

—"I recently secured what strikes me as a distinct oddity, and perhaps an error in the current 2c U. S. It is a 10 perf. in a plum shade—almost exactly that of the 12c! I realize that the difficulty which the Bureau of Engraving is having with dyes is responsible for most of the variant shades which we are getting, but it seems difficult to believe that a striking difference such as this would be explained that way."—RALPH NORTON.

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—Several of our subscribers have sent us in a very interesting portion of the New York World Magazine of Feb. 27. We shall refer to the same editorially.

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EDITORIAL.

From His Own Hand—We thank Mr. Jos. A. Steinmetz, Philadelphia, for his letter and its enclosure, which we are pleased to refer to our readers. Mr. Steinmetz says: "In looking over some old stamp history notes, I found a copy of Lamenberg's letter about his stamp patent, all of record. Every collector for many years has come across this essay printed in various colors, on thin transparent paper. Should you wish to note this letter in view of fixing the date of these printings, you may use the text. I do not ever remember having seen it mentioned though it is almost certain that you have had it before." The letter that fixes the date of the appearance of these familiar essays is as follows: "New York, November 19, 1867. To the Postmaster General, Washington, D. C. Honored Sir: I take the liberty to enclose you some stamps, printed with my soluble ink, patented. I claim for these stamps protection against fraud by any attempt to remove cancellation marks, as all attempts to remove the cancellation marks will deface the stamps. The samples I send are freshly printed. They are printed on different kinds of paper. They are of various colors. They are less expensive than the stamps now in use. May I beg that you will submit these stamps to such tests as you choose and report the result at your earliest opportunity to: Yours very Truly, Henry Lamenberg, Care Alex. Ostrander, Atty., No. 1 Park Place, New York." We may add that Mr. Steinmetz is a well-spring of interesting historical information about the earlier issues of the United States and that his contributions are always welcomed, in consequence.

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In The Chest—Sometime ago, we received the inquiry: "Kindly inform me whether or not a box made of cedar will in any way be hurtful to stamps contained therein." After due deliberation on our part and that of several experts who were called upon as consultants, the opinion was rendered in a befitting-

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ly conservative manner that stamps would not be harmed if immured in a cedar box. The finding is sustained through the recent good fortune of a reader who found recently, some old correspondence in a cedar chest where it had lain undisturbed for many years and the colors of the stamps were the freshest imaginable. It would seem that the cedar box is protectful of the original color of the stamps.

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Made In Germany—The Chicago *Daily News* under a Berlin date of February 23rd says that the German government has released 430 tons of aniline colors, especially blue, green and carmine for the United States bureau of engraving and printing. The special order for release is said to have been consequent upon the representation to the German authorities that the U. S. government was "unable to continue the proper printing of stamps and money without the coloring from Germany." In its recent report, the bureau of engraving and printing admitted its dependence on the German supplies for its color bases and said that it was its purpose to conserve the ink now on hand, even though slight variations in the colors of the stamps be noticed as a result of this economy. It will be remembered that in our issue of February 5th, it was related how a consignment of dyes that was purchased by the American consul at Rotterdam was on the way to the United States. The inference is that the consignment released by Germany is a second one.

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Dots And Dashes—In the *Germania-Herald*, Milwaukee, February 10, 1916, is a translation by Mr. Ernst Karl of "German Dyes on the Way," which appeared in our issue of February 5th, as we have mentioned; and in sending the clipping to us, Mr. Karl takes occasion to call our attention to two minor varieties of United States that he sends for inspection. He submits the one cent blue, 1879, "with a kind of color-triangle in the neck part of the bust." Mr. Karl thinks that possibly the blot is due to a damaged plate but unless a second stamp could be shown, the theory would not be given serious attention. A little gob of ink flattened out might cause the color spot. Of a second stamp, Mr. Karl says: "The 'variety' consists of a kind of colorless 'bridge' on the two cent, 1890, in the right 2 and a dot or a pearl in the left 2. So we might call it with 'pearl on left and bridge on right.' I looked over 22,000 of the 1890 two cent and found three specimens two of which I enclose." These slight variations seem to be permanent at least and come in the category of the capped 2, relatively speaking, and we can imagine how the heart of the advanced student of U. S. would

warm at finding the "bridge" on the right 2, which is a thin line extending upwards from the middle of the tail stroke of the 2 to the white curve above. We may add that our correspondent truly has the "researchive eye."

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Mexico Moves—Some information comes from Mexico that will bring that country before the philatelic public. It is to the effect that there was seized in Chihuahua by the Carranza forces upon the capitulation of the Villa opposition in this stronghold of Villa a large quantity of the federal issue, 1910 unsurcharged. Irrespective of denomination, the stamps are to be surcharged with an indicated value of ten centavos. By means of a special overprint, consisting of "G. P. de N.—10—Centavos" in three lines in an oval, the stamps will be converted to present day use. We have been promised statistics as to the number of stamps that are to be surcharged. In this connection, it may be added that the current issue of Mexico is yielding curiosities; the one centavo is shown in gray and the five and ten centavos, as double prints while the imperforate and part roulettes are no treat.

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Edmund Shorthouse—In the English papers, the death of Mr. Edmund Shorthouse who is the last but one "of the older school of the Birmingham philatelists" is made the occasion of extended biographical notices. In the *London Philatelist*, Mr. Chas. J. Phillips, who before going to London, was a dealer in Birmingham, gives some intimate recollections of the gentleman that are readable. While a keen student of stamps, Mr. Shorthouse at the same time brought to bear such business acumen on his collecting that he profited handsomely through his operations. For instance, Mr. Shorthouse paid ten pounds in the late seventies for a mint strip of the four rappen Zurich which is now worth four hundred pounds. In 1887, Mr. Phillips induced Mr. Shorthouse to go to Australia for the sole purpose of buying stamps; and his trip was highly successful although the prices at which the stamps were resold in London were but a fraction of those that could be had today. In connection with a note in the *London Daily Telegraph* that said: "After about twenty years of collecting, the careful account he kept of his purchases and sales showed that his philatelic hobby had produced a profit in 1900 of 3200 pounds," the observation is made by the editor of the *London Philatelist*: "We should, however, be inclined to think that the total financial results of Mr. Shorthouse's investments far transcend this sum, which is inconsiderable beside the amounts realized by other leading collectors. Mr. Shorthouse, however, though a very fine judge and keen buyer did not keep his purchases long

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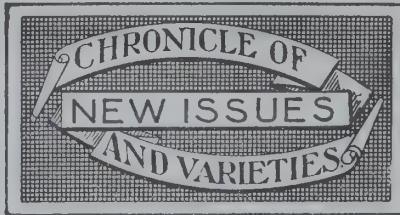
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UNITED STATES.—Edward Wintermute sends us a block of the 12c in the new shade, printed from plate 6900. He also sends a specimen from the same plate in the old shade. The new shade might well be called copper red, and can hardly be called a shade of the original color.

Raymond V. Seaman sends us a copy of the brown 5c Garfield, that shows colorless spots in the star containing the figure "5" and a blurred appearance of the inscription, "U. S. Postage." The upper part of the design shows up sharp and clear.

J. M. Bartels reports the following new envelopes:

Denom.	Die.	Type.	Paper.	Size.	Knife.	Wmk.
2c	A2	white		8	91	20
2c	A2	white		13	83	20
2c	C	white		5	99	20
2c	C	white		13	101	20
2c	D v.5	white		5	87	20
2c	New	blue		7	51	19
2c	New	buff		7	51	19
2c	New	amber		8	91	20
2c	New	amber		9	61	20
2c	New	white		13	83	20

BOSNIA.—New war stamps have been issued by Austria, the Bosnian 5h and 10h stamps of 1912 being used. The overprint reads "1915" at the top and the raised value at the bottom, "7 Heller" or "12 Heller" as the case may be. Specimens have been shown us by J. M. Bartels.

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5 2h green and carmine.
10 2h rose and blue.

BRAZIL.—L. B. Gatchell has shown us a new printing of the 1000r stamp of 1913.

Adhesive.

1000r slate blue.

CANADA.—Grant L. Paul submits a specimen of the Canada war tax stamp recently issued, with "1 T c" recessed on the face of the stamp in a coil perforation. The specimen submitted is from a sideways coil, the stamps being separated by ten perforations about 2½ mm. apart.

CANAL ZONE.—C. K. Harris informs us that three sheets of 100 2c stamps with inverted head represents the total number discovered. Mr. Harris states that the majority of these stamps were sold through the post offices before the error was discovered.

The Sterling Stamp Co. has shown us the new postage dues recently chronicled.

GERMANY.—Offices in Russia.—J. M. Bartels has shown us four values of the current German stamps, overprinted in two lines, "Postgebiet—Ob. Ost" for use in the conquered Russian provinces of Lithuania and Courland. The type of the overprint is the same as on the overprinted issues for Belgium and Poland, and is in black on all values.

Adhesives.

3pf brown.
5pf green.
10pf carmine.
40pf carmine and black.

MEXICO.—W. Parker Lyon criticizes the statement recently made in our

chronicle in connection with the 1, 2 and 20c values of the anvil issue of Sonora. He states that they are as legitimate as any of the issues of the Constitutionalist government, their issue having been regularly ordered and all values used for the prepayment of postage. Mr. Lyon says that he has in possession envelopes mailed from the Hermosillo postoffice addressed to Los Angeles and Pasadena with these three values used for the payment of postage. Mr. Lyon writes us in part as follows: "What I am at a loss to understand is why your informant should give you any such statement. I don't suppose his postmaster ever saw one of the 1, 2 or 20 cent values as they were never in any post office but Hermosillo and he was at Nogales."

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We can only add that the stamps of this much-troubled country will prove a troublesome field for specialism in coming years.

PERU.—Jacques Krebs sends us a new provisional from Peru, the 1s of 1909 having been overprinted "Vale—10 Centavos—1916" in three lines in green. The surcharge is of large form, nearly covering the stamp.

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RUSSIA.—New printings of the 1k and 3k charity stamps of 1914 have been made, specimens having been shown us by A. C. Roessler. The designs are unchanged, but the colors are new and both are on white paper.

Charity Adhesives.

1k red and gray.
3k brown orange and gray.

THE NICARAGUA "CORDOBAS."

Fred S. Martin supplements the article by Mr. Fuss with further information dealing with the overprinting of Nicaragua stamps with the 1913 "Cordoba" surcharge. Mr. Fuss described two spacings of 14 mm. and 18 mm. respectively, but Mr. Martin submits specimens of these stamps which show spacing of 14½, 15, 15½ and 18½ mm. In fact it is very evident that in setting up this overprint for the several printings little attention was paid to the spacing of the type, hence the numerous measurements recorded. Mr. Martin submits the following list of additional measurements and has furnished us with specimens for our inspection:

311 ½c on 1p	15½
311a VALB	15½
312 ½c on 3c	14½
313 ½c on 15c	14½, 15
314 1c on 3c	15½
315 1c on 4c	15½
316 1c on 50c	15½
317 1c on 5p	15½
318 2c on 4c	15, 15½
319 2c on 20c	14, 18
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2 pence blue	.06
3 pence violet on yellow	.08
4 pence red and black on yellow	.10
6 pence violet	.15
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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

A close study of these stamps should reveal many points of interest. For many years a double transfer of the 5c, of a similar character to that found on its predecessor the 3d has been known. This is recorded in Scott's catalogue as a "double transfer" while Gibbons notes it as a variety "with extra line in outer oval at left". This variety, which is simply the most prominent of many double transfers found in connection with this 5c stamp, shows the outer line of the oval at left distinctly doubled, and the frame lines above are also double. Other varieties which, though not so prominent, are of equal philatelic importance are found. We have seen the following and have no doubt many others exist:—

(1) There are distinct traces of doubling in the letters ADA and POST of CANADA POSTAGE, in the numerals in the upper angles, and of the lines of the oval band.

(2) There is a faint doubling of the outer frame lines at the top right hand corner.

(3) There is a similar doubling of the outer frame lines affecting the lower right hand corner.

(4) The lines of the oval band are faintly doubled at the lower left.

(5) The letters POST of POSTAGE, the "5" above, and the lines of oval and frame all show distinct signs of double transferring.

(6) This double transfer affects the lines, numeral, and letters NADA of CANADA at the upper left corner and while not so distinct as No. 5 is nevertheless a true plate variety.

We have found no traces of double transfers in the other denominations except a slight one on the 12 1/2c. This shows a slight doubling of the frame lines in the top left corner, as well as traces of colored lines in the adjacent "12 1/2c". It is quite probable that any collector having sufficient material would find "doubles" in all of these values.

In laying down the impressions on the plate or plates for the 5c value a guide dot was applied to the transfer roll. This occupied such a position that as each succeeding impression was ap-

plied to the plate it fell so that the guide dot would fall about the centre of the C of CENTS. Consequently, the vast majority of these stamps show a conspicuous dot of color in the position indicated. The stamps without the colored dot are, usually, those from the extreme left vertical row of the sheet. On this same value—the 5c—we have seen specimens with colored dots outside and slightly to the left of the lower left corner. These are possibly plate dots marked to indicate where each row should commence. Varieties with broken frame lines are not uncommon and these may be due in part to defective transfers and in part to wear. Extreme wear is also shown, in some instances, by the numerals appearing on an almost plain ground.

Whether guide dots were used for the other denominations or not we cannot say. At any rate if they were used they were applied in such a position as to be completely hidden by some part or other of the designs. A small peculiarity in the 10c is worth noting. On the majority of specimens there is a slight defect or break in the outer line of the oval band above and to the right of the O of POSTAGE. This is probably due to a minute defect on the transfer-roll impression. Many specimens of the 12 1/2c value show the tongue of the E of POSTAGE the same length as the upper and lower arms though the end is generally covered with a colored smudge. We are at a loss to account for the cause of this variety but that it is a "constant" one we have satisfied ourselves by the examination of a number of identical specimens. The 17c also exhibits a small peculiarity of engraving. A colored line projects upwards into the uncolored oval band above the space between OS of POSTAGE. This was evidently caused by an accidental touch of the engraver's tool on the die for it is quite distinct on every specimen we have examined.

The paper upon which the stamps of this series were printed does not provide so much variation as that of the earlier emissions. Mr. D. A. King in his article in the *Monthly Journal* says:

The papers upon which these stamps

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—A foreign letter in the Pittsburgh
Sun makes note of the fact that King
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to the stamp auction sale the proceeds
of which are to go to the Red Cross.
The article states that besides being a
stamp collector since his boyhood the
King also has a large collection of pos-
ters, some of them so large as to cover
the wall of a fair-sized room.

—We need several copies of the issue
of the WEEKLY for January 1, 1916.
Who of our subscribers will favor us?
We shall be glad to send one of our
exchanges in return for each copy we
receive of the number desired.

—J. M. Stonier informs us that mail
matter going through the Hamilton,
Ont., postoffice from soldiers in Great
Britain and France, though entitled to
free delivery as soldiers' letters have 2c
Canadian stamps affixed to them. In-
quiry at the Hamilton office showed that
the 2c stamp is used to keep a record
of the mail thus delivered, but no charge
is made for the stamp.

—"A few nights ago I visited the Bu-
reau of Printing and Engraving at
Washington. I saw the drawing of the
designs, engraving of the dies, making
of the plates, and the entire printing
operation by both the old hand press and
the new rotary, also perforating the
sheets, making stamp booklets, etc." . . .
The trip cost me ten cents. You or any
person may do the same. Simply watch
your favorite movie house for Section
2 of the film "Uncle Sam at Work."—
WILLIAM F. WORKS.

—E. A. Colson, a Washington, D. C.,
philatelist, has been appointed chief of
the Bureau of Civil Service in the
Philippines and sails on the "China" for
Manila from San Francisco, March 14.

—According to the *British Philatelist*
the 2 1/2, 5 and 10sh stamps of Great Bri-
tain are now being printed by De La
Rue & Co., instead of Waterlow
Brothers.

—Clippings are acknowledged with
thanks from H. Clark Jarrett (2),
Edward Frey, Paul F. Cornish, W. G.
Birdseye, C. M. Breder (2), Edw. C.
Barron.

—The *Westchester Philatelist*, Mt.
Vernon, N. Y., announces a popularity
contest and will be glad to send the par-
ticulars to any interested parties. We
have been requested to publish the rules
of the contest, but owing to lack of space
we are unable to comply with the re-
quest.

—Frederick T. Pratt submits for our
inspection specimens of two censor
markings used on Bermuda mail. The
first type consisted of a triangular
shaped design with the inscription
"Passed—Postal—Censor Bermuda" on
the three sides of the same. This was
superseded the middle of February by a
circular design in which are the initial
letters, "P. C.", and the word, "Ber-
muda", in two lines.

—Wendover Neefus sends out a novel
invitation to his New York patrons to
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composed of "all United States". It
consisted of a Grant letter-sheet printed
in imitation typewritten form.

OUR AERIAL MAIL SERVICE.

By OTTO PRAEGER, 2nd Asst. P. M. G.

The first and up to the present time
the only class of mail service performed
by aeroplane has been the transportation
of small quantities of first-class mail be-
tween temporary postal stations usually
established in connection with fairs or at
aviation grounds and the regular post-
office in the adjacent city or town. In
all cases the service has been performed
by a sworn carrier and without expense
to the department. This service has
been regarded as experimental in char-
acter, and in numerous cases no mail
has been carried after the route has been
authorized.

The records indicate that from No-
vember 3, 1910, to September 3, 1915, 69
aerial mail routes of the above character
had been authorized, while mail had
been carried on but 47 of them. It is
to be regretted that in all cases accurate
counts of the number of letters carried
have not been kept by the postmasters
whose offices were served by the routes,
but it is believed that the largest amount
of mail transported on any one route
was 43,247 pieces, between Garden City,
L. I., and the postoffice at Mineola, N.
Y., from September 23 to October 1, 1911.
In a number of cases the department
has permitted the use of a special can-
celing stamp for the mail carried by
aeroplane, and many of the letters so
marked have undoubtedly been pre-
served, to serve as reminders of the
early days of aerial mail service.

Some months ago the department was
asked by Alan R. Hawley, chairman of
the Contest Committee of the National
Aeroplane Competition, for a list of
possible aerial routes. In compliance
with this request, a list was prepared
giving data on routes in all parts of the
country. The routes were selected with
special reference to the saving of time
and distance, in the mountainous sec-
tions of the country the distance by rail
or wagon road being often four or five
times that by air line.

Since 1911 the Postoffice Department
has submitted in its annual estimates to
Congress an item for aeroplane mail
service, but up to the present time no
further action has been taken. The
estimate for the fiscal year 1917 includes
such an item, and it is hoped that Con-
gress will give it favorable considera-
tion. In the meantime it has been
deemed advisable to advertise for ser-
vice by aeroplane between New Bedford
and Nantucket Island and on certain
routes in Alaska, where the bids re-
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be lower than the cost of the present
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	Cat.	Net
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1907, 2kr rose, No. 76	.50	.23
1909, 2kr rose, No. 81	.25	.10
1911, 1kr green, No. 93	.12	.06
1911, 1 1/2kr blue, No. 94	.40	.17
1914, 20c blue (pictorial) No. 97	.10	.04
Sweden 1891, 5kr blue	.75	.37
Denmark 1912, 5kr red (fine) No. 84	1.25	.55
1913, 50c claret, No. 95	.06	.02
1913, 1k brown, No. 96	.10	.04
1875, 50 blue and rose*, No. 27	.60	.27
Iceland 1876, 20a violet*, No. 13	1.00	.35
1901, 25a brown & blue, No. 31	.50	.22
1902, 16a, No. 55	.60	.22
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Br. East Africa 1890, 1a-5rupees cpl.
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Mexico 1916, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10c rou-
letted*. The new set .08

Mexico 1916, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c pin perf.*
The new set .08

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

To the Fore—The World Magazine for February 27th, 1916, was almost a philatelic special number as one entire page was devoted to "Postage Stamps that Caught the Imprint of War," and another to Marcus P. Norton and the "postmark and cancellation" that he invented. The explanatory text of the war stamp page, illustrated with eleven enlarged stamp reproductions in colors, reads: "War has laid his red finger even on the postage stamp—firmly on those of conquered countries; lightly and with the Red Cross of mercy on those of nations that must resort to their postal revenue to add to funds for the wounded. Herewith are reproduced some of the war-time stamps of Germany, Great Britain, Russia, Austria-Hungary, Belgium and Switzerland. Some of them have histories that sum up all the paths they may have borne in individual letters from the trenches." The explanation given under each stamp is concise and meaningful and if the combination of picture and description does not impress many a non-philatelic whose eye is attracted to the striking page, then intelligent publicity for stamp collecting is bootless. The circulation of the publication in question is immense and our notice has been directed to the graphic stamp display by many readers.

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of Troy, New York, of the simple device that applied both the postmark and obliteration mark on the stamp and envelope at one operation. In the few succeeding years, improvements were made on the patented process and they were covered by patents, likewise. Previously, two applications were employed in the treatment of the letter as the "cork" cancellation and the postmark were impressed separately. It is related that immediately postmasters began to use the time and labor saving instrument but the government on pretexts more or less plausible deferred that definite action opening up the avenue of compensation for the inventor. In 1867, Postmaster General Randall, in a report to a congressional committee, said: "Norton's stamp is the one desired. It is the best stamp there is. The department has already saved several hundred thousand dollars by its use and I have no doubt it will continue to save large sums. It is necessary that some settlement be immediately made." It is said that in 1870 Congress authorized the payment of \$100,000 to Mr. Norton who refused the settlement; and then began the period of hope deferred that made the heart sick. About fifteen years ago, Mr. Norton died and his widow is still awaiting the just award of the government. The government has its side to the story; and it claims that it "did pay for every Norton stamp used, though these payments were made to the manufacturing contractor and did not benefit the inventor and patentee himself."

Good Offices—A postal marking of quasi-official character, one that we do not remember ever having seen before, is on an envelope that has recently been acquired. A "soldier's letter" addressed to an officer in Huntsville, Alabama, and postmarked Chattanooga, Tenn., bears the "Due 3" impression in circle; and in addition it shows the words, "Paid by U. S. Sanitary Com." in an ellipsis. Another envelope addressed to the same officer has "O. B." written in ink in the upper left hand corner but there are no markings on the envelope to show that it was carried through the mails.

Rah—An interesting letter has been received from Mr. Harold Hock, Ithaca, New York, whose elaborate and artistically executed entry in the January cover contest so aroused our admiration. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Hock says: "There are several collectors here in Cornell University among the students and faculty and we are now planning the formation of a club." In a way, Mr. Hock specializes in the stamps of Hawaii, and among the revenues of the territory in his possession is a block of four of the one hundred dollar revenue. He sent us a specimen of the six cent current issue, precanceled

"Honolulu, Hawaii," whose appearance with other denominations of the set created a ripple of interest recently among collectors of precanceled stamps. We may add that Mr. Hock translates the familiar "Uku Leta" on the Hawaiian stamps as "Jumping Letter," a term that is logical in its application, whimsical though it is.

Why and Wherefore—An inquiry recently received is discussed at some length because of the frequency with which we are asked to identify alleged special printings of U. S. issues that are sent in for inspection. We are asked: "Are used copies of the special printings of the various printings of our issues as rare used as unused?" The special printings practically do not exist used; and moreover if any of them exist used they should not! There is no reason of course why the special printings could not have been used for the payment of postage but the cancellation on a special printing is at least adventitious. Statistics show that the account of the proceeds from the sale at Washington of the special printings was very short; and it is safe to say that those who went to the pains of obtaining the stamps did not proceed with the idea of using the specimens for postage. Even unused special printings are found few and far between and if there was any extensive demand for the stamps in question, the prices would be truly prohibitive. The source of supply of the stamps is in the comparatively few that were distributed when they were available; and in this connection, it may be said that the supply of these stamps was increased by the finding of a set or two of the special printings in the effects of a postal officer who served in an important position at Washington before his death at his home in Michigan.

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SOME U. S. NOTES.

By PERCY MCG. MANN.

It seems that I am fated to discover double and triple transfers! Last year I found beautiful doubles of the 2c type I, 1894, and the 2c, Shield, 1903,—and now I have just found a distinct doubling of the transfer on the 1c, 1910, imperf., single lined letter watermark. The double is best seen in the doubling of the top and bottom frame lines. I'm sorry I cannot name the plate.

Regarding the 1c, 1912-15, with compound perf. 12 x 10, I have, it seems, the only known copies in existence. They came to light, twenty-three of them, last August, and none have, to my knowledge, been found since. I have also seen the 2c perf. 12 x 10 used on cover, from a non-philatelic party to a firm, one of the members of which happens to be a confirmed philatelist—but the genuineness of the perf. and the use of the stamp to pay postage by an unknowing person, is assured.

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Messrs. Smyth & Co. in discussing the second edition of "Melville's Catalogue of War Stamps," points out that these are listed under "New Britain," in consequence of a "lead" given by them some time ago, but add that they have now come to the conclusion that it is incorrect, for while New Britain is the location of the headquarters of the Administrator, it only represents one portion of the territory which comprises Frederick-Wilhelmshaven on the mainland, and the Bismarck Archipelago, and includes Nauru or Pleasant Island, which was, before the occupation, under the jurisdiction of the Marshall Islands (now being occupied by the Japanese). The Gilbert and Ellice Islands stamps are issued mainly at Ocean Islands, but that would be no justification for the stamps being listed under "Ocean Island." It has been admitted officially that the term "N. W. Pacific Islands" is incorrect so far as the relation of these stamps to German New Guinea is concerned, and it is generally well known now why they were so overprinted. Until the conclusion of the war, therefore, it will be a difficult matter to give the proper title to any of these stamps.

Various suggestions have been made for an improvement in the wording of the overprint. One is that the letters "N. W." be eliminated altogether, and another is that the word "West" should be substituted, but both these designations would be obviously wrong for the stamps are not used exclusively for the islands of the West Pacific nor for the entire Pacific, and the other British dependencies in the Pacific would probably growl if such were done.

Messrs. Smyth were informed some time ago that the Defence Department had no intention of making any change in the wording of the overprint. The new supply of stamps sent out, some on the King George paper, as already reported in *The Postage Stamp*, is now said to be from a newly made electro of the overprint in the De Vinne type, so specialists will find the issue full of interest in the settings.—*Postage Stamp*.

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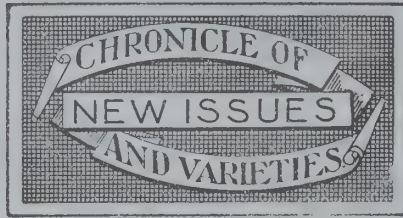
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UNITED STATES.—New envelopes are reported by J. M. Bartels as follows:

B. No.	Denom.	Die	Type	Size	Paper	Wmk.	Kn.
2456A	2c	B	3	White		17	80
2456AA	2c	B	3	Buff		17	80
2605A	2c	B	3	White		17	92
2605A	2c	D v. 8	5	Amber		18	87
	2c	C	5	Amber		19	99

We have been shown a specimen of the new 2c envelope by Arthur J. Peterson of Chicago. This envelope is now being seen in the mails frequently.

Willard S. Fuller sends us a copy of the 2c envelope just going out, which shows a spot of color filling the outer colorless line near the top of "t" of "United." This freak occurred every other one in a single box of envelopes.

ANTIGUA.—Ewen's Weekly says:—Following the issue in August last of the 1d bright scarlet on thin paper, in place of the former carmine colour, we received word that the new printings, appearing on sale in September of the 1/2d, 2d, 6d and 1s were also in new shades. It is to be noted these have deep yellow gum, instead of thin white as previously. We now list the colours in both the old 1908-14 and new 1915 shades as precisely as it is possible to define.

(O=ordinary, C=chalky paper.)

1908-14. Old colours. White gum.

1d pale green, O.	
1d carmine, O.	
2d pale purple and brown, C.	
2d blue, O.	
3d grey-green and orange-brown, C.	
6d bright purple and black, C.	
1s pale blue and grey-purple, C.	
2s grey-green and violet, C.	

1915. New shades. Yellow gum (except 1d).

1d deep green, thick paper, O.	
1d bright scarlet, thin paper, white gum, O.	
2d dull purple and red-brown, C.	
6d magenta and grey-black, C.	
1s deep blue and dark purple, C.	

CAMEROONS.—Marsh's Philatelist reports that the 1c, 2c, 4c, 20c, 30c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 75c, 1fr and 2fr stamps of Gabon have received the overprint "Corps expéditionnaire franco-anglais Cameroun" for the use of the corps of the Allies now operating in this German Colony. The 5c, 10c, 25c and 35c stamps with the same overprint were noted in No. 1312. The number printed were as follows: 1c, 3,000; 2c, 1,000; 4c, 1,000; 5c, 10,000; 10c, 30,000; 20c, 1,000; 25c, 6,000; 30c, 1,000; 35c, 6,000; 40c, 1,000; 45c, 1,000; 50c, 1,000; 75c, 1,000; 1fr, 1,000; 2fr, 1,000.

COOK ISLANDS.—The 1 1/2d stamp of the Cook Islands, in the design showing a portrait of the late Queen Makea, has been issued, printed on chalk-surfaced paper, perforated 14 by 14 1/2.

Fiji.—The Australian Philatelist states that it is proposed to impose a war tax of 1/2d on postcards, 1d on letters and 3d on telegrams. Presumably this tax will be collected by means of stamps. It remains to be seen if they will be restricted to fiscal use or will be allowed to do postal duty.

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly reports that the halfpenny value has been overprinted "WAR STAMP", similarly

to the recent War issue in New Zealand. War Tax Stamp.
1d green and black.

GERMANY.—Offices in Lithuania.—The meaning of "Ob. Ost." on the German stamps overprinted for use in Lithuania and Courland, as noted last week is "Upper Eastern." The whole overprint being translated, "Postal District, Upper Eastern." We are indebted to Stanley R. Massman and W. G. Birdseye for further particulars regarding this issue.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The British Philatelist says: "When Messrs. De La Rue & Co. lost the contract for printing the British postage stamps, few thought that we should, within five years, again find them printing some of the values. Since the end of 1910, Somerset House and Messrs. Harrison & Son have between them produced all the postage stamps, except the 2s 6d, 5s, 10s and £1 of the present issue, which have been hitherto printed by Messrs. Waterlow Bros. & Layton, a well-known City house. Have our readers noticed that very many of the post offices, even large ones, are out of the £1? Various reasons have been semi-officially advanced for the dearth in this stamp—difficulty in obtaining the necessary coloured ink; possible abandonment of the use of the highest value, and so on. The truth is now out, for we have positive information that the issue of this value is to cease—certainly for the present; probably altogether.

The other values, all of the large emblematic type, are being printed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. Both the 2sh 6d and 10sh stamps are being printed in paler shades than formerly.

HAYTI.—Robert A. Wilson, writing direct from the Island, reports the following additional overprinted varieties not in Scott's Catalogue: "Gl. O. Z." first type, on 1c ultramarine of 1898, on 2c de g orange and 7c de g green of 1906; on 1c de g lake and black of 1910. The 1c ultramarine was chronicled in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY in 1914.

HONDURAS.—H. Chitraro has shown us a new stamp, though we are uncertain as to whether it is the first of a series or a single commemorative stamp. The name of the country does not appear. The inscriptions read "U P U" in each of the upper corners, "1916" at the top and "Recuerdo de 1 de Febrero" in a curved line over the portrait, which is that of Francisco Bertrand, President of the Republic. The stamp is of good design, and lithographed or surface printed. The figures of value are very small, and arranged in small ovals in the lower corners. The stamp is printed on white, unwatermarked paper, and perforated 11 1/2.

Adhesive.
1c brown orange.
The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly reports a further value of the "Puente Ulua".

Adhesive.
2c carmine.

ITALY.—As recently noted the Italian 15c has been converted into a 20c stamp by surcharging, and this surcharge is repeated on all the stamps overprinted for the Italian islands in the Aegean Sea, thirteen in number, and named: Calimno, Caso, Cos, Karki, Leros, Lipso, Nisiro, Patmos, Piscopi, Rodi, Scarpanto, Simi and Stampalia. The 15c stamps have also been surcharged 20c for the Levantine offices, namely Durazzo, Scutari and Valona.

The 15+5 centesimi Red Cross stamps are also to be surcharged to 25 centesimi.

N. W. PACIFIC ISLANDS.—In No. 1299 we recorded the fact that the Raboul German registration label had been surcharged "G. R. I. 3d." It is now re-

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The *London Telegraph* says the North West Pacific Islands stamps have been reprinted again, and the setting of the overprint "N. W. Pacific Islands" has been newly contrived so that all the letters "S" in the bottom row are uniform. The earlier overprintings were in a fount of type which had two different styles of letter "S," and the use of these for a stamp overprint created varieties for the philatelist.

It is also expected that the set of Australian stamps already overprinted for these islands, which only goes up to the 1s value, is to be extended by the addition of the 2s, 5s, 10s and £1. The other British issues for former German Islands in the Pacific, namely, for Nauru and Samoa, include values up to £1, though it may be remarked that the Germans never required postage stamps of higher value than 5 marks in these colonies.

PANAMA.—*Scott's Circular* has the following letter on the subject of the 1/2c printed in rose. We reprint it for the benefit of our readers.

Secretary of Government and Justice, PANAMA, Nov. 17, 1915.

MR. FRANK E. GREEN, BALBOA HEIGHTS.

I am answering your letter of the 11th instant, informing you that the 1/2 centesimo of Balboa stamps of the class that you forwarded to me were printed for the postal service of the Republic; but the circulation was never authorized and on account of the shortage of special stamps to collect the new commercial tax decreed by Law No. 24 of this year, they were authorized for that object.

I am your attentive and sincere servant,

(Signed) JUAN B. SOSA.

From this we infer the stamp was issued for fiscal purposes, but it remains to be learned if it was also available for postal use.

ROUMANIA.—It is reported that a new series of stamps is in preparation. They will bear the portrait of King Ferdinand and will include a 35 bani stamp, a value not hitherto included in the issues of that country.

SERBIA.—*Champion's Bulletin* reports having seen the latest issue of Serbian stamps, which bear a picture showing King Peter and his officers on the battlefield. These stamps had only just been issued at Nish and other of the chief Serbian towns when the Serbians had to retreat from their country. The design is a transverse oblong showing the King seated, with a group of officers behind him, watching the progress of the fighting. The inscriptions are in Slavonic characters, and represent the name of the country, "Serbia," at the top, and at the bottom the words, "King Peter on the Battlefield, 1914."

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Dues received from No. 213, \$1.00, which with former receipts since January 1st have been forwarded to the treasurer.

Dues from all members, excepting those paid in advance for next year, are now due. It will save the secretary much unnecessary work if all will attend to this matter at once. And kindly remit for two years if convenient to save trouble for yourselves and the secretary. Kindly look up your last certificate of membership.

Resignation; 227, Robinson, F. M. Mr. Robinson resigned last August, but for some unaccountable reason, notice thereof was overlooked and not reported at that time.

No response has been received from the Secretary's call for nominees to be voted on for officers for the ensuing year, consequently no election was held; therefore the present officers will hold until others are duly elected in their places.

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Mar. 2, 1916.

The President called meeting to order. Minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted. Mr. Milan Raichewitz, whose name was put up for membership, was withdrawn. Mr. J. Shack won the competition for the 10 rarest covers, honorable mention for Messrs. Hermann's and Schlesinger's covers. A contest was arranged by Mr. W. O. Staeb, which was won by our President. Mr. E. Klein donated a handbook on Confederate stamps and also a Confederate stamp, which was won by Mr. E. Koller. Mr. J. Klemann showed his rare Confederate collection. Seventeen members and Mr. Rossia, a visitor, being present.

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Adolph H. Weber, 56, retired, 1515 Euclid Ave., Berkeley, Cal. Refers to Walter E. Goodwin, A. W. Batchelder, and is a member of several other Societies. Proposed by Walter E. Goodwin.

There are suspended for the non-payment of dues the following. Their names may be obtained by referring to the Year Book for 1915.

Nos. 7, 66, 81, 152, 177, 183, 198, 201, 210, 232, 261, 275, 263, 267, 241, 133.

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Double and Triple Transfers.

By PERCY MCG. MANN.

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I have examined a part sheet, lower left pane of plate No. 6900 and the following is the result: Nos. 1, 2, 3 normal, No. 4 double, No. 5 normal, Nos. 6, 7, 8 double, No. 9 triple, No. 10 double, Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14 normal, Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 double, Nos. 21, 22, 23 normal, No. 24 double, No. 25 normal, Nos. 26, 27, 28 double, No. 29 triple, No. 30 double, Nos. 31, 32, 33 normal, Nos. 34, 35, 36 double, Nos. 37, 38, 39 triple, Nos. 40, 41, 42, 43 normal, Nos. 44, 45, 46 double, No. 47 normal, No. 48 double, No. 49 triple, No. 50 normal, No. 51 double, Nos. 52, 53 normal, No. 54 double, Nos. 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72 normal, No. 73 double, Nos. 74, 75, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 91, 92, 93, 94 and 95 normal.

After examining hundreds of these double and triple transfer varieties I find the prettiest "shifts" showing a distinct line through the top of the word "CENTS", in Nos. 19 and 48 of the above mentioned pane (lower left plate number 6900).

I regret that I cannot give complete information about full panes, as I have only had access to part sheets, but perhaps this information will appear in due season.

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IX. 1879. First De La Rue Prints.

In 1876 the dies of all four values were handed over to the Crown Agents, who in turn passed them on to Messrs. De La Rue & Co., as per contract. Three years later, in 1879, the first De La Rue printed stamp was produced: the 1d in green from Messrs. Nissen & Parker's original die of this denomination.

Paper watermarked "Crown C.C." was employed and perforation 14. The watermark is found upright and sideways—the latter being the more common, which goes to prove that the sheets were square, or at any rate practically square.

One writer has said that this first De La Rue print was lithographed in sheets of 60 stamps. We have not been fortunate enough to acquire any blocks of sufficient dimensions to either substantiate or disprove this statement, but another writer upon the subject suggests that the sheets were probably "made up of 24 stamps in 4 rows of 6, the same as those supplied in later years by this firm with colours changed."

There are two very distinct shades of this stamp—green and yellow-green, but it is more than doubtful whether these divergencies are to be attributed to separate printings. The stamp is scarce in both shades and very seldom seen in blocks of any size.

Postally used copies are really rare; much rarer, in fact, than the catalogue quotation would suggest. If unused, 20sh represents the market value (which is about right) then used the stamp, according to its scarcity, is worth at least 80sh.

Reference List.

1879. Printed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. of London on "Crown C.C." paper. Perf. 14.

1d green.

1d yellow-green.

Imperforate.

[Wmk. varieties; upright, sideways left to right, reversed, right to left.]

X. Queen's Head Issue.

The Virgin Islands joined the Universal Postal Union on July 1, 1879, and

this event necessitated the issue of a stamp of the facial value of 2 1/2d.

Messrs. De La Rue & Co. thereupon prepared a surface printed plate in the well-known "De La Rue General Plate, Die I" type. The 2 1/2d was issued in March, 1880, and the 1d in the same type appeared about six months later.

Both denominations, 1d emerald-green and 2 1/2d red-brown, were printed in panes of 60 stamps upon Crown C.C. paper; the perforations gauging 14 as before.

Sometime in June, 1883, a 1/2d stamp was issued, printed in yellow-buff. In this instance, the paper bore the watermark Crown C.A., but the design, perforation and size of sheet remained as before.

All three stamps are scarce, especially in used condition.

It was not long, however, before changes of colour had to be adopted in order to conform to the regulations of the Postal Union, which stated definitely that stamps of the denominations of 1/2d were to be printed in green, 1d in red and 2 1/2d in blue. Accordingly, re-sort was made to these colours, and all three stamps were printed on the Crown C.A. paper. The 1/2d and 1d were issued in November and September, 1883, respectively, and the 2 1/2d in September, 1884.



The gum upon the stamps of this issue varies from white to pale yellow-brown. The 1/2d green shows the two extremes to the best advantage, copies with the brownish gum being much darker in colour.

The top and bottom labels being printed at a second operation, no importance need be attached to slight variations in the position of the name and value.

All sheets bear the plate numbers "1" or "2" only.

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Long tailed "S".
Double Surcharge.

XIII. 1890-99. Leeward Islands.

On October 31st, 1890, the various issues of the greater group (Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Christopher and Virgin Islands) were superseded by a Federation set of stamps comprising eight values:—1/2d, 1d, 2 1/2d, 4d, 6d, 7d, 1sh and 5sh in the well-known Queen's head De La Rue type.

The stamps were inscribed at top LEeward ISLANDS, the value in label at bottom and POSTAGE and REVENUE at the sides.

Any collection of Virgin Islands stamps must at least contain copies of this Federation issue used in the group. The postmarks in all cases are straightforward and copies used in the Virgin Islands group should not be missed, they greatly increase the interest of the collection, are cheap and fill up what would otherwise be a big gap in the postal history of the islands.

The postmarks by which these stamps can be allotted to the Virgin Islands are dealt with later on. In a few cases the old duplex cancellation may be found, but more generally the obliteration in vogue contained the name VIRGIN ISLANDS or the abbreviated form V.I.

The "Sexagenary" issue of 1897 was also in circulation in the Virgin Islands.

Reference List.

1890. Federated Leeward Islands. Typographed on Crown C. A. paper. Perf. 14. (Virgin Islands Cancellations.)

1/2d dull mauve and green (plates 1 and 2).
1d dull mauve and rose (plate 1).
2 1/2d dull mauve and blue (plates 1 and 2).
4d dull mauve and orange.
6d dull mauve and brown.
7d dull mauve and slate.
1sh green and carmine.
5sh green and blue.

1897. Same overprinted in black V. R. I. in a buckled garter, containing words SEXAGENARY 1897. Issued to Commemorate 60 years' reign of Queen Victoria.

It should be noted that the following errors occur in this series: (i) inverted overprint 1/2d, and (ii) double overprint 1/2d, 1d and 2 1/2d. All are scarce.

(To be continued.)

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

Whitfield King & Co's Standard Catalog.—A review copy of the 1916 edition of this catalog is at hand. Its appearance has been somewhat delayed due to war conditions but the publishers state that the delay in getting stock has made it possible to make the revision of the catalog all the more thorough, and "right up to date". Attention is called to the fact that certain countries have been re-arranged.

A noteworthy feature about the new catalog is the fact that many new illustrations are used. Many of the old illustrations have been replaced by new ones, and the marvel is that such small cuts are so true in detail. We must compliment the publishers upon this feature of the catalog.

The Sonora and other revolutionary issues of Mexico are not given any attention, for self-evident reasons. It is stated that the publishers hope to have a reliable list of these stamps in the next edition and will trust to Father Time to separate the chaff from the wheat.

The total number of stamps issued to date included in the catalog is 28,591. Of this number 8,343 are apportioned to the British Empire, Europe has issues 6,011, Asia 5,648, Africa 6,955, America 5,815, West Indies 2,216 and Oceania 1,946.

The book is attractively bound in khaki-cloth and can be had of the publishers, Whitfield King & Co., Ipswich, Eng., for 70c post-free. If you want to renew your subscription to the WEEKLY for four years we shall give you a copy free of charge.

KANGAROO ISSUE PERF. "O. S."

Occasionally a correspondent calls our attention to the fact that the stamps of the Australian Commonwealth, kangaroo issue, are appearing perforated with the letters "O. S." and in two distinct types. This is not a new thing and we deem it wise to call the attention of our readers to this fact. We quote from a letter just at hand from H. A. Bernard:

"In going over a lot of Australian stamps I received a few weeks ago, I came across several values perforated "O S" as per attached 1d Kangaroo. There were two distinct varieties of perforations, one stamp having the "O" and "S" about 1/8 inch longer than on stamp herein. Am curious to know if this would likely be in place of the Official Service surcharge (O. S.)."

Scott's catalog does not recognize what might be called "perforated officials." A paragraph under Luxemburg dealing with the stamps of that country that are perforated OFFICIEL for official use reads, "We no longer list stamps of this character." We do not blame the collector for adding a set of these stamps to his collection.

CANADA WAR TAX STAMPS.

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1911, 1 1/2kr blue, No. 94	.40	.17
1914, 20c blue (pictorial) No. 97	.10	.04
Sweden 1891, 5k blue	.75	.37
Denmark 1912, 5k red (fine) No. 84	1.25	.55
1913, 50c claret, No. 95	.08	.02
1913, 1k brown, No. 98	.10	.04
1875, 5c blue and rose* No. 27	.60	.27
Iceland 1876, 20a violet* No. 13	1.00	.35
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Mexico The new set08

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

It Beats All—From Mr. Roscoe T. Foust, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, we have received a sample of imaginative or interpretive information that interests us strangely. We share the following extract from printed records: "Like many other inventions, perforated stamps were the result of an accident. According to a story which is told, a man about to start on a horseback ride, wanted to stamp a letter, but could not find knife or scissors with which to cut a single stamp from the sheet. He suddenly thought of his spur. Running the rowel along, he perforated the edges of the stamp, tore it off, and thus started a new invention." Shades of Archer! but this is an ingenious tale. We remember how a writer in one of our publications was rebuked in England for giving currency to a story to the effect that the inventor of perforations on stamps was a Yankee but the foregoing account is too good to ignore. The British government, it is of record, began the use of Archer's perforating machine on January 27th or 28th, 1854.

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Romance—The reports of philatelic societies read somewhat prosaically as a rule but in the minutes of the Philatelic Society of Victoria, Australia, there is a departure from the ordinary in the following circumstance. A member displayed a superb mint copy of the Sydney view, one penny carmine, type I, plate I, no clouds, on soft yellowish paper; and it is needless to say that the stamp unused is a great rarity. The

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Priority—We have received an interesting budget from Miss Amy L. Swift, Whitman, Mass. Miss Swift calls attention to a variety of the two cent Canada Christmas or map stamp of Canada, that she sends for inspection. The normal stamp shows "Canada Postage" on a background of solid black "but on the second copy that background instead of being solid color is shaded at each end, under the first and last letters, C and E. I found this while the stamp was current but found only the one. Are other copies known?" While the engraved lines of the background of the variety are thinner than on the usual specimen, the difference could still be the result of variation in inking the plate. It would be impractical to polish a plate so that each of the stamp subjects on it at either end of the background referred to would have the tone effects on Miss Swift's specimen, which is an interesting if accidental example of mechanical possibilities. Miss Swift in speaking of the paragraph, "Dots and Dashes," says that she discovered the "pearl on left and bridge on right" of the 2 of the two cent 1890, years ago, "probably between 1893 and 1898" and reported the discovery in the stamp papers of the time. Of a variety with the bridge on right 2 but no pearl on the left 2, Miss Swift found sixteen copies in looking over about 30,000 stamps. Miss Swift illustrated her remarks with the stamps themselves.

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Right—Here we have it. Mr. Raymond V. Seaman, Craigville, New York, writes: "After reading your editorials in the WEEKLY of February 26th, it occurred to me that you might be interested in the enclosed cover bearing a two cent, 1890, right cap. The postmark shows that this variety came early in 1890. If the 'caps' are due to damaged transfer rolls, it is strange that so few right caps are found. Mr. — of New York, after examining this cap told me that it was as good a 'right cap' as one ever sees as they nearly all show faint color marks between the numeral and the cap." This right cap is on a letter postmarked at Emporia, Kansas, March 25, 1890, and it is a superb example of the coy and uncertain right cap. If an expert will declare that this specimen is not a right cap, we will eat our hat, or a left cap, anyway.

Then Again—Mr. Carle H. Schafer, Niles, Michigan, speaks out: "I was interested in your recent remarks on the 1890, right cap, two cent. I have always been attentive to this stamp. At the American Philatelic Society exhibit in Chicago, I took special pains to look up the 'right caps' that were displayed. I found three of them there but not one of them resembled another. I have also examined about a dozen or so on auction slips but have yet to see two alike. The only perfect one that I ever saw was submitted to me by a collector who asked seven dollars for it. It may have been worth it if the right shade of red had been used when the left cap was painted over!" Heigh-ho. Escape is at hand. As we remember, Mr. Schafer is an artist who formerly was located in Chicago. He has a philatelic book plate, we believe, and if he and the few others who indulge in the satisfaction of contemplating this badge of ownership will send us copies, we should be able to reproduce them for the delectation of readers. (Regards to W. H. R.; H. E. D., please write.)

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Censored—The collector of censored envelopes has a field worthy of his unremitting efforts. We notice that Swiss mail is opened "par l'autorite militaire." France is using pasters with "Controle postal" inscription. Italy has the printed label, "Verificato per Censura" and stamped impression with the same notice. Russia uses label and rubber-stamped impression. India, Australia, etc., have different styles of "Passed by Censor" markings.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Frank F. Wills informs us that the only values of stamps on sale at the St. Johns, Newfoundland, post offices are 1c, 2c and 5c. Anyway only these values are sold over the counter to the public.

—A special advertising or poster stamp has been issued in connection with the English National Philatelic War Fund. The label is described as a very pretty one and it is issued in a series of six colors, and sold for a penny each or 12c for the set. The stamps have been engraved and printed by Perkins, Bacon & Co., and the design shows "The Sword of Justice." The stamps are printed in sheets of twelve with black center and the following frame colors:—blue, green, lake, purple, orange and brown. The stamps are donated to the Fund by the engravers and printers and a handsome sum should be realized from their sale.

—The Exchange Stamp Co. of San Francisco, Cal., takes a quarter page this week to advertise an auction sale. More and more our columns are being used for sales of this character and dealers recognize the fact that our 8,000 subscribers have buying qualities in this direction that may well be cultivated. This firm was formerly located in New York and has advertised previously in our publication. Albert Miller is the manager of the company, which comes to us well recommended.

—Victor G. Bloede, Jr., a Baltimore manufacturer of dyes for the U. S., in an interview says that currency and stamps soon would have to be in black and white on account of the lack of fast dyes.

—The San Diego Stamp Club has elected the following officers for the coming year:—L. N. Skinner, president; M. M. Kaufman, vice-president; C. V. Scaife, secretary-treasurer; A. H. Wright and O. H. Phinney additional members of the executive committee. We regret that we do not have the space to publish the very interesting program of club events for 1916, but interested readers can no doubt obtain a copy by writing C. V. Scaife, 802 Timken Bdg., San Diego, Cal.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Wm. F. Works, W. G. Birdseye, Henry Jonas.

—"I note with much interest Mr. Martin's list of measurements of the Nicaragua Cordoba surcharges and find in looking over my copies that I can add the following to the list:

318, 2c on 4c, 14 and 18m

320, 2c on 25c, 18m

321, 2c on 35c, 16m

324, 2c on 6c, 15 1/2m

It may be interesting to know that there is a double surcharge on the 1/2 on

15 on 35c and also a double on the new 5c on 6c."—KARL A. PEMBER.

—According to word that has been received from the publishers, the 20th century albums will be on sale May 15th, 1916. Correspondents who have made inquiry on the subject are now answered.

—A price list of new issues that has been forwarded by Fred Michael, Chicago, is of a size to make one realize that this advertiser has established a new issue business in this country that perhaps is second to none. In this connection, it is to be reported that war issues are ruling strong.

—The Collectors' Club of New York City recently observed its 20th anniversary with a banquet at the Hotel Savoy with seventy-five members and friends present. C. E. Hatfield, Newton, Mass., vice-president of the Club, presided and the speakers of the evening were Arthur Wells, A. Hatfield, Jr., J. C. Morgenthau, John N. Luff, J. W. Scott and Charles L. Pack. P. C. Hartell was the chairman of the banquet committee and the occasion was a marked success.

—We have received from the Economist Stamp Co. the new price and check list of United States stamps issued from 1882 to 1916. The list is a very comprehensive one in the matter of including shades, blocks, imperforates, coils, dues, special deliveries, revenues, plate number strips, etc. It will be sent to anyone on request.

—The entertainment committee of the Boston Philatelic Society has secured a double attraction for the next meeting which comes on the evening of March 21st. W. B. Sprague of New York City will show the result of his studies of the 1861-8 issues of United States stamps and H. H. Wilson will exhibit his fine collection of proofs and essays. Mr. Sprague has made this issue his specialty and is considered the authority on these stamps. Every member should endeavor to be present and bring a friend to enjoy this philatelic treat. In view of the approaching convention of the American Philatelic Society in Boston this summer there is an additional interest in this meeting as both of these gentlemen are vice presidents of the national body.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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1910, 1, 2 & 3h, unused, each\$.18
 5h green, unused, each05
 6h buff, unused, each18
 10h rose, unused, each06
 12 & 20h, unused, each18
 25h blue, unused, each12
 30 & 35h, unused, each18
 50h green, unused, each24
 60h carmine, unused, each28
 1k purple, unused, each38
 1908, 2pi green, No. 1105, each, unused..02
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 — 2p off center50
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 — 2p fine70
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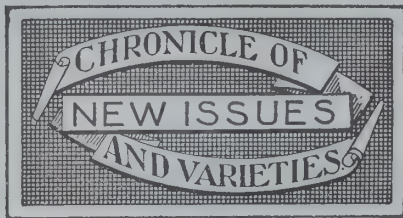
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UNITED STATES.—J. M. Bartels reports the following new envelopes:

B.No.	Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Kn.
2605c	2c	B	5	Amber	17	87
	2c	C	5	Blue	19	99
	2c	A2	8	Amber	20	91

BOSNIA.—A. C. Roessler has shown us an unused block of the 7th Bosnia Charity Stamp, dated "1915", one stamp having the date at both top and bottom, instead of date at the top and new value at the bottom. This error occurs on the 49th stamp on each sheet. Mr. Roessler informs us that the new set with "1916" date is ready for distribution.

GERMANY.—Offices in Lithuania.—We are also indebted to Frank P. Brown and A. C. Roessler for information regarding the new occupation stamps for the conquered Baltic provinces. The 10c carmine should have been included in the list thus overprinted.

HONDURAS.—Hermann Focke also sends us a specimen of the new Bertrand stamp, chronicled last week.

MEXICO.—Wm. E. Dowser is informed that the plates are being prepared for the new engraved series, and the stamps will be issued shortly. The colors and portraits or pictures will be as follows, the 40c and 1p values having already been issued:

Adhesives.

- 1c violet; coat of arms.
- 2c green; Dr. Belisario Dominguez.
- 3c brown; J. M. Pino Suarez.
- 4c red; Gen. Maclonio Herreia.
- 5c yellow; Gen. Jesus Carranza.
- 10c blue; Francisco I. Madero.
- 20c olive green; Gen. Ildefonso Vasquez.
- 30c sepia; Aguilas Seidan.
- 50c blue; Great Seal of Republic.
- 5p rose and blue; P. O. at Mexico City.

PANAMA.—Raymond Freshwater also informs us that the 1/2c rose recently noted was intended for fiscal use.

PERU.—Further provisionals from this country have come to hand, specimens having been shown us by Hermann Focke. Those previously chronicled were the 1c on 10c red brown and black of 1907, 2c on 12c deep blue and black of 1905, and 10c on 1s carmine and black of 1909. Like the previous surcharges, the new efforts are either lithographed or printed from engraved plates. The 12c of 1909, has been surcharged, "Vale —1 Centavo—1916," in red; the 10c official of 1909, "Franqueo—1916" in green; and the 50c official of 1909, "Franqueo—Vale 2 Cts—1916" in red. A. C. Roessler also reports the overprinted officials.

Provisional Adhesives.

- 1c on 12c pale blue.
- 10c bistre brown.
- 2c on 50c olive green.

RUSSIA.—Ludwig Simon sends us a clipping from the New York Staats Zeitung from which we learn that the Post office of the City of Zawierice in Russian Poland has issued two postage stamps for the delivery of letters from the "Reichspost" in Sosnoroice to neigh-

boring places. The stamps are beautifully executed, printed in two colors and appear in two values 10pf and 20pf. They are surcharged in German as well as in Polish reading, "Postal Service of the City of Zawierice."

THE VALENCIENNES PROVISIONAL.

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A provisional war stamp of a purely local character had, in point of fact, been issued in Northern France some weeks previous to the advent of the German "Belgien" series, to which however it is inferior in philatelic importance.

When the German forces entered the important French industrial centre of Valenciennes on August 29th, 1914, during their ill-starred dash for Paris, the postal service of the town and surrounding district was in a state of chaos, owing to the hasty withdrawal of the French officials before the German advance. Accordingly, the Committee of the Valenciennes Chamber of Commerce approached the Commandant of the garrison (Lt.-Col. Kintzell), to obtain his permission for the establishment of a provisional post, to serve the town and adjacent communes, and to issue a special 10 centimes local postage-stamp for the prepayment of postage on letters, which was duly sanctioned.

On September 3rd, the service was inaugurated as set forth in the following official communication:—

"PROVISIONAL POSTAL SERVICE.

"In consequence of the interruption of the normal postal arrangements, the Chamber of Commerce of Valenciennes has undertaken to re-establish provisionally, to a certain extent, and only between the communes of the district, a postal system for business or family communications.

"To commence with, it is fixed to leave on Monday, 7th September, for the carriage and distribution of letters and post cards between the communes served by the tramways delivering on the route (Valenciennes, Raignes, Ormaing, Quievrechain, Buray, Tresnes, Conde, etc.)

"Letters and cards accepted for transmission must conform to the undermentioned requirements:—
1st. To be left open.

2nd. Not to contain any mention of the belligerent armies.

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"One time they comes here, one time they goes. Lots uv 'em stays under groun', more uv 'em stays above an' makes good citizens. W'y, out at Pozo del Desiertos you c'd take care o' a big bunch. I got it, by heck! Let's start a sanatorium fer c'lecters!"

Jimmy O'. began to roll a cigarette while I cogitated, Pozo del Desiertos—or, Englished, Well of the Desert, is eight miles due east of Willow, on the great Santa Fe trail, the highway to the Roosevelt dam. It is the last desert rancho, for the government land borders it on the east. There is a deep well of purest water—a gasoline engine—a pump—a barn—a house of three rooms, and one hundred and sixty acres of uncultivated desert. But tenant none. I had bought the place a year before, but my tenant had so effectively disagreed with a man that the free air would know him no more for a long term of years. Since that time I had stayed with my dreams which, so far, had failed to come true.

"Well, you c'n think it over," said Jimmy, from his obscurity, an' maybe we c'n git a colony o' c'lecters out here t' breathe our good air an' drink our pure water an'—"

"Swap stamps. Yes, sir," broke in Eddy, from his refuge on the ground. "That's what'll cheer 'em up. An' you, frien' o' ours, c'n start a paper, an' we c'n learn 'em all to set type an' kick th' press, an' the desert'll bloom like—like—"

"A bee sting," Jimmy O'. finished the sentence, and Eddy subsided.

"Speakin' o' c'lecters, I nev' tole yuh 'bout that preacher I met up with onct? No? Well, it sure was some humersome. Yuh see, they was a conf'rence in Willow, one time back, an' some tenderfeet was there. Me—I drifts in t' hear 'em preach. Some uv 'em was middlin'—some of 'em was pretty poor—one was fine. Methodis, I fergot t' say. Well, I kind-a cottons t' th' good un, an' mills aroun' a little hearin' 'm w'enever I gits a chanst. He was a kind-a ole chap, an' he had a son there, too—Harold—an' 'is son's wife war with 'em. Well, me an' th' ole gent meets up, fin'ly, an' he tells me all about it. Son gits th' bugs, back East. Dad packs up an' comes West t' save 'im. By heck! I met son, an' I thinks he sure aint wuth ary sacrifice—not him. Wife's a dandy woman. C'lects. Me an' her takes t' one 'nother but son takes to me like I was pizen.

"Well, dad buys a dinky rancho for son, who 'pricates it 'bout as much as a diamon'-back can, an' perceeds to stay wit' 'em an' stake 'em. I see 'em some frequent, me passin' th' rancho on my way in an' out o' town.

"Well, one day they-all thought a picnic would be fine over t' th' foothills o' Superstition, an' th' ole gent invites me to 'light, as I were passin'. Now the ole gent was some c'lector, onct, w'en 'e was a kid—had a pretty nice bunch o' U. S. that he'd drag out an' show me, now an' then, invitin' me in w'en 'e see me ridin' by. I hated t' stop, son bein' so derved peevish, but I jest had t' do that same. Son's wife was mighty kind t' me that picnic day, me bein' a jest, but son he strolls off fer a lonesome. After awhile I climbs on ole pinto an' hits out for th' range. 'Bout half a mile out I meets up wit' son. He flags me.

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and can exhibit a collection of United States proofs, for each day sees them more sought for and less plentiful, all of which tends to increase the difficulty of obtaining them finally.

It is a curious fact that we usually see "Proofs and Essays" grouped together into this one familiar heading, so that it has become almost a habit to consider them together. But while they are closely related there is no real necessity of putting them together; the "proof," as we use the term, is a *proof* or *trial print* of the accepted design and therefore, as previously remarked, a "half-brother" to the finished stamp; the "essay," to hark back to its etymology (from the French *essai*), is a *trial design* and unless finally accepted remains an essay forever. Many essays are of course closely connected with the finally accepted designs—for example the "small figure" designs of the United States 1869 issue, and the bi-colored proofs for the "Omaha" issue of 1898, the latter being issued as unicolor stamps because of the exigencies of the Spanish War revenue act which taxed the resources of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. In such cases they have more than ordinary interest. But multitudes of essays have nothing in common with issued stamps except as showing the diversity of opinion as to what those stamps should be. In earlier philatelic times, however, essays were assiduously collected, largely because the regular field was much more restricted than at present in all probability, and possibly—speak it gently—because it was quite easy to foist certain essays upon gullible collectors as the essay has no real official standing anyway.

But, "to return to our sheep," let us consider the "Proofs." In the first place they may be roughly divided into two classes, the "die" proofs and the "plate" proofs. As their names indicate, they are made respectively from the original die, a single engraving on a small block of steel, or from a printing plate with perhaps 100 to 400 subjects on it as used in producing the sheets of regular stamps. The former can generally be readily distinguished by the wide margins of the paper on which they are struck, and are usually considered rather more desirable, both because they are from the original engraving and by rea-

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son of their comparative scarcity. The plate proofs, naturally, have rather limited margins and therefore do not show off to quite the advantage of the die proofs.

But the main point in regard to proofs is that they are always produced with very great care in every detail of their printing, and the paper or card upon which they are struck is selected with special reference to its fitness for showing up the finest detail of the engraving. The result is naturally the best obtainable and shows just how the stamp itself ought to look as a work of art—but usually doesn't because of the limitations of commercial work and vast production. If now we add a range of "trial colors" in these proofs as well as the accepted color, we not only add to the attractiveness of our pages but have a chance to make an estimate of the fitness of the chosen color to the design used—which does not always show up to advantage, by the way.

United States proofs are usually found on India paper or card board, with an occasional value on bond paper, though most of these are revenue proofs. The cardboard employed is of several qualities and thicknesses, probably due to different periods of printing, and is usually found with plate proofs, being seldom used for die proofs. India paper is of course well known to most collectors, and is very soft, thin, white and of a silky appearance, taking the impression of an engraving most beautifully. Bond paper is a thin, tough, hard and somewhat brittle paper. It is even possible to find proofs on regular paper, gummed and perforated, but not in the normal color, naturally, which would make such indistinguishable from the regularly issued stamps.

In regard to colors, besides the adopted colors of the issued stamps the earlier issues and the Departments can be found in at least five colors—black, blue, brown, green and vermilion—and sometimes there are a dozen or more. The bi-colored stamps of the 1869 issue come in a dozen or fifteen combinations of colors, some of which are very handsome, and the high value State Department appear in at least ten combinations.

Turning from the postage stamps of the United States to the revenue stamps, we find a no less interesting field but one much less familiar. Nor is the material so abundant, for it consists mostly of plate proofs on cardboard in the normal colors, with plate proofs on India paper in both normal and trial colors much scarcer. Die proofs in the general issues are extremely scarce, but in the case of the private proprietaries the reverse is the case, die proofs on India paper being the commonest both in normal and trial colors, doubtless from the fact that many proofs had to be submitted to the proprietors ordering dies before the final making of the plates. When the latter were ready plate proofs on India paper were made of many of them, but only in few cases on cardboard, the latter being very scarce.

If a collection of proofs of United States postage stamps is a "thing of beauty", surely a collection of proofs of the revenue stamps is not only that but

"a joy forever." To anyone who has collected and studied United States revenues no mention need be made of the beauty of many of the designs and the fineness of the engraving employed.—N. E. Stamp Monthly.

STAMP DEALER HELD UP.

Last Monday evening A. W. Bullard, proprietor of the stamp firm of A. Bullard & Co., 446 Tremont St., Boston, was held up by a boy "bandit" by the name of George Peckham. Peckham, who is fifteen years old, had spent the day reading the life of Jesse James, the famous bandit, and early in the evening entered the shop of Mr. Bullard. After talking with him a few minutes about the price of stamps he drew a revolver and ordered the stamp man to throw up his hands.

The latter stared at the boy in amazement, from whom the command came a second time, followed quickly by three shots, two of which hit Mr. Bullard. The boy then darted from the office and, intercepted by the janitor, fired another shot. Both Bullard and the janitor were taken to the City Hospital. The injury sustained by the latter was trifling and Mr. Bullard's condition is not considered critical. Peckham was subsequently arrested.

CINCINNATI ORGANIZES.

After several years of attempts to start a local society of philatelists at Cincinnati, O., Mr. J. A. McCullough has finally succeeded in getting together an initial gathering of stamp men that promises much for the future of the hobby in this city. The Cincinnati Philatelic Society was temporarily organized at the Stag Hotel, March 12 and will be permanently established Sunday afternoon, March 19, at 2 P. M., at this hotel. Those who were at the opening meeting are J. A. McCullough, M. H. Weber, C. E. White, N. J. Ossege, G. L. Ringland, H. Karch, Erwin L. Fischer, G. M. Trumbell, G. D. Kitzinger, H. K. Smith, Jr., A. Shircliffe, G. H. Welborne. The society expects to start off with a charter membership of twenty-five members.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—In the last number of the *Stamp Trade* Donald Martin of Hamilton, Mo., entered a complaint against Dr. Pelaez of Remedios, Cuba, stating that no reply could be received to any communication sent him. All the facts in the case have been laid before us by Dr. Pelaez and the failure of Mr. Martin to receive any reply was due to mis-addressed mail matter. This has been submitted to us for our examination and two letters sent Mr. Martin were returned marked "unclaimed." The matter has now been adjusted and the WEEKLY desires to remove any suspicions that may have been cast upon the dealer in question.

—"Page 110, No. 11 (Vol. 30) of March 11th just to hand, I read the meaning of "Ob. Ost" on the German stamps for Lithuania to be "Upper Eastern." Pardon my giving you the real meaning of the overprint on these German stamps. The overprint reads: "Postgebiet (des) Ob(er)befehlshabers (im) Ost(en)." The postal service in that territory is known officially as "Kaiserlich Deutsche Post-und Telegraphenverwaltung in Postgebiete des Oberbefehlshabers Ost." Hence "Postal Territory under the jurisdiction of the supreme Military Commander in the East."—REV. JOSEPH DREYER.

—Occasionally a subscriber calls our attention to the fact that a label is being used advertising and advocating 1c letter postage. This was noted in the WEEKLY many months ago.

—We can supplement our editorial mention of the featured war stamp article published in the *New York World Magazine*, February 27 with the information that it was written by Malcolm H. Ganser, Norristown, Pa. Mr. Ganser writes that he is preparing another war stamp article for a newspaper of wide circulation and we congratulate him upon the splendid publicity work that he is doing.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Charles B. Lazar, I. B. Robinson (2), George Kump, Charles H. Hermann, Charles J. Geyer, L. A. Judkins, F. C. DePuy (2), Louis Frey.

—F. E. P.—We know of no such list as you describe having been issued.

—Miss Amelia Blydenburgh writes us as follows concerning the variety of the 1c 1890, described and illustrated in our issue of March 4:—"I was interested in the variety submitted by G. A. Roush and looked through between three and four hundred stamps for the same. I found five, so they cannot be very scarce. I found, however, that while the five had the elongated ornament on the left oval, only two of these showed the variety referred to on the right oval."

—In *Flying* for March there is an article on the U. S. aerial mail service with pictures of aeroplane stamps. Several subscribers call our attention to this fact.

—We are advised that Leon V. Cass has removed to Great Bend, Pa., and his customers are requested to note the change.

—Will Philip A. Cann send his address to the office of the WEEKLY? We have a cover rebus entry entered in his name, but address is lacking.

—There are letters at this office for Ralph Norton and Edw. Wintermute. Will these subscribers please send their addresses in? Once more we must re-

mind our readers that our subscription list is so arranged by mail routes that we cannot supply addresses of subscribers.

—Designs for a new issue of Greek postage stamps have been approved, and, unless the Serbian occupation of Corfu interferes with the printing of them, the stamps will be on sale within a few months. Greek paper money is printed in the United States, but the postage stamps are printed in Corfu.

—"I note in your editorial in the issue of March 11th that you refer to 'E. B. Zeverly', P. M., Pleasant Grove, Md., and state your impression that he subsequently became one of the Assistant Postmasters General. I have examined the roster of the Department and can find no one by the name of 'ZEVERLY' as having held the position of Assistant Postmaster General, but I do find that the Hon. A. N. Zevely held the office of Third Asst. P. M. G. from March 5th, 1859, to May 22nd, 1869. As the Third Asst. P. M. G. handles all matters relating to stamps and postage, Mr. Zevely no doubt was closely associated with the development of the United States postage stamps during his tenure of office. I trust that this information will be of interest to you."—C. H. MCBRIDE.

—"Sent a U. S. postal order to a Postmaster in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, for some unused Mexican stamps? The P. M. cashed the M. O. at the El Paso P. O. (M. O. transactions between U. S. and Mexico were at a standstill then) but he neither sent me the stamps nor refunded the money. Would like to know if anyone had a similar case in Ciudad Juarez or elsewhere in Mexico and what their success was. The P. O. Department at Washington made some efforts but could not recover."—MAITLAND MILLIKEN.

—The article on the aeroplane mail service in *Flying* for March is attracting not a little attention upon the part of our readers. Montgomery Evans, 2nd, calls our attention and states that there are numerous illustrations together with a list of aeroplane routes. We shall at some future time publish in the WEEKLY a condensed history of the various cancellations that have thus far been used in aeroplane mail service.

—Geo. Gandenberger, Jr., informs us that all correspondence sent him containing evidence against Hall has been forwarded to a Chicago Inspector. Mr. Gandenberger wishes to say that when correspondence is returned he will mail the same to the several parties concerned.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

High—One of our readers, Mr. J. M. Stromberg of Chicago, has regaled us with a view of the one thousand, five hundred and one hundred dollar, respectively, of the current documentary revenue stamps, in superb condition, canceled, "February 29, 1916." These stamps paid the tax on a transaction involving sixteen millions of dollars and we may add are the first used copies of the five hundred and one thousand that we have seen. Here it is to be said that we do not care to answer requests of correspondents for valuations on the documentary stamps, \$30, \$50, \$60 and \$100; while we know of prices at which these stamps have been sold, rather than risk giving a wrong impression, we are inclined to say nothing. We do not know today who is competent to place a true valuation on these stamps.

A Few—Mr. Robert S. Gordon, New York City, writes: "It might possibly interest you to know that I have in my possession, the following envelopes: One to German East Africa and one to Togo, both returned marked 'Undeliverable—War' and beneath that 'Onbestelbaar—Oorlog.' One from Bushire with 'Passed by censor—Karachi' in circle and number 2 inside of it; and an en-

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Stages—An interesting illustration of the evolution of the near right cap on the two cent, 1890, U. S., is shown by Mr. Wm. C. Schilling, who sends us three stamps with gradations of the "disturbance" of the ink above the right numeral. On the first specimen there is a very faint patch of white background; on the second the variation is stronger while on the third, there are rather vague outlines of the cap but they are not marked enough to deserve recognition as the right cap. We believe that specimens of the type of the third stamp are apt to be classified as real right caps by those who have not seen the genuine article and that in consequence, confusion results. However, right caps are known to exist whose claim to title have been pronounced absolutely true.

Hear—A Washington correspondent, Mr. H. S. Austin says: "I have read with interest your editorial in reference to right cap, two cent, 1890, and noted your tone of skepticism which closely approaches ridicule of those who honestly believe in the existence of this presumably rare article. The mere fact that the right caps are seldom seen and that recently they have been omitted from the catalogue is no evidence of their non-existence. A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of searching through a lot of the two cent of 1890; and as in the case of Mr. Schilling, I found a sprinkling of double caps and about twice the number of left caps. However, I was more fortunate than Mr. Schilling in that I found one perfect right cap. While feeling certain of the genuineness of the specimen, I submitted it to Mr. H. F. Colman of this city for inspection and examination and after due time, he pronounced it the real thing and the best example that he had ever seen. I believe that this complies with this suggestion that specimens be submitted to experts for opinion." Mr. Austin misjudges our sentiments on the subject when he assigns us to the ranks of the anti-cappers as we have always maintained that undoubted right caps were in existence although they were rare birds. ("Birds" is used advisedly; an old description read: "Cap laying on top of right 2.")

Map—From Mr. Arthur W. Line, Los Angeles, California, we have received an old "Diagram of Rail Roads Diverging from Boston," etc., and concerning it, Mr. Line says: "It is a blue print made by a roundabout process

from an old engraving sent me some years ago by Mr. J. J. Prendergast of Dorchester, Mass. . . . Mr. Prendergast told me that the map was in an old almanac dated 1845." Needless to say, a map or diagram of this kind would prove an interesting adjunct to the reference division of a collection of railroad cancellations. A correspondent writing of the remarks made on the subject of railroad cancellations in a recent issue calls attention to a contradiction in the text which he says was "due to the printer, no doubt." The chances are that the mistake was our own. In this connection we do not propose to rehash the details but suffice it to say that the name of the postal route and that of the railroad are not always the same. In dealing with railroad and steamboat routes, the government, as early as 1843 posted in its accounts "the entire service and pay of the route" to the state under which it was numbered though it extended into other states instead of being divided in any proportionate way. At that date ship, steamboat and way letters were the subjects of separate appropriation and account.

Seals—We have received from Messrs. Bridger & Kay, London, a copy of "Egyptian Interpostals Or Official Local Stamps," by O. May, "Materially assisted by H. H. Harland, P. J. Evans and others." Messrs. Bridger and Kay have reprinted the study from *The Postage Stamp* and published in book form for the Fiscal Philatelic Society. The price of this pamphlet of forty pages is two shillings. Many of us remember these mysterious labels that emanated from Egypt whose character seemed to defy analysis. There were places for the seals in question in some of the stamp albums and it is recollected that Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs, at the time a dealer in Washington, used the seals on the reverse of his registered envelopes with the result that the philatelic recipient was spell-bound by the dealer's free-handed generosity. We quote from the "Introduction" of the little work: "A better name for these stamps would appear to be 'Egyptian Official Locals'; but in the absence of any sworn testimony as to their place in philately, no doubt the old title will continue to serve. The stamps consist of circular official labels, issued between the years of 1864 and 1890, from many of the towns and villages of Egypt, and also from a few seaports in Turkey, Palestine, Somaliland, Greece and the Aegean Islands. The majority are known with a town and dated postmark, the obliteration being almost invariably that of the town for which the particular emission was prepared. No face value appears on the stamps, so the question as to whether they are really official frank stamps or seals remains a question as

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before." The riddle is one that the sphynx will not answer and evidently there has been no source of inspired knowledge discovered latterly. In passing, we may say that in our recently published "Egypt" there are enlightening references to these seals. In "Egyptian Interpostals," illustrations of the dozen types, with variants, are given; and the town names from Aba-el-Wakf to Zeila are listed, requiring nearly thirty pages for their reception. As a book of reference the book must be accorded a place in any pretentious philatelic library.

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XIV. The 1899 Issue.

In 1899 the Virgin Islands once again issued a series of distinctive stamps of its own—for what reason is still a mystery.



The new issue was the work of Messrs. De La Rue & Co., the stamps being printed on Crown C.A. paper in sheets of 120 stamps divided into two panes of 60 each. Much misconception appears to exist concerning this series; each collector holding his own views as to the great scarcity of this or that particular value or shade. Popular opinion generally credits the 4d in the "rare shade" as being the plum of the issue. Nobody however, can ever produce the so-called "rare shade" and it is undoubtedly one of those sort of stories which originate in mystery and takes a lot of killing. Personally, we have no doubt whatever that the 4d is a much overrated stamp and that the 7d denomination is far and away the scarcest value of the series, especially in postally used condition.

Three errors [mechanical flaws] crept into the sheets of the 1/2d and 4d. Two of these errors are on the 1/2d sheet—HALFPENNY (1st stamp in bottom row) and HALFPENNY (2nd stamp in 8th row). The rarest error of all is the FOURPENCE.

It has been stated that as soon as the errors were discovered they were taken out of the sheets and destroyed by order of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

It is impossible to interpret the exact significance of the figure forming the design: there is no particular reason why any special significance should be attributed to the figure, although presumably, the artist had the Madonna before his mind's eye in executing his work.

Reference List.

1899. Printed by De La Rue & Co. on Crown C.A. paper. Perf. 14.
 1/2d yellow-green.
 Error HALFPENNY.
 Error HALFPENNY.
 1d brick-red.
 Double perforation.
 2 1/2d ultramarine.
 4d brown.
 Error FOURPENCE.
 6d dull violet.
 7d deep green.
 1sh brownish-yellow.
 5sh indigo.

XV. The King Edward Issue.

On June 1, 1904, a Kings Head series was put into use. The usual "postage & revenue" design was adopted, the stamps printed from Plate I in sheets of 120 divided into two panes of 60. The watermark was the ordinary multiple Crown C.A. and the perforation 14.



The designs are uniform with the exception that on 2d, 3d, 1sh and 2sh 6d values, the value is in colour (enclosed

in a label) on white background. The 2d denomination is the scarcest stamp of the series and will be found quite difficult to obtain in a block of four or in fine used condition.

Reference List.

June 1, 1904. King Edward. Wmk. Multiple Crown C. A. Perf. 14. (Name and value in second colour.)
 1/2d dull purple and green.
 1d dull purple and scarlet.
 2d dull purple and ochre.
 2 1/2d dull purple and ultramarine.
 3d dull purple and black.
 6d dull purple and brown.
 1sh green and scarlet.
 2sh 6d green and black.
 5sh green and blue.

XVI. The King George Issue.

In 1913 a new set of stamps bearing the effigy of King George V superseded the Edward issue.



The new stamps are similar to their predecessors in design (with substituted head) and are printed in accordance with the Universal colour scheme. The above are in concurrent use with the stamps inscribed LEEWARD ISLANDS.

Reference List.

1913. King George V. Wmk. and Perf. as Last Issue.
 1/2d green.
 1d scarlet.
 2d grey.
 2 1/2d bright blue.
 3d purple on yellow (chalky paper).
 6d dull and bright purple (chalky paper).
 1sh black on green (chalky paper).
 2sh 6d black and red on blue (chalky paper).
 5sh green and red on yellow (chalky paper).

XVII. Remainders.

Writing under the title "Colonial Remainders" some years ago, Mr. Ward stated: "the famous West Indian remainders are a good example of official stamp dealing. The whole remaining stocks of the islands of Antigua, Montserrat and Nevis, whose post offices had been amalgamated into the Leeward Islands Federation, were sold in 1891 to Mr. T. H. Thompson. The total face value of these stamps was £4,788, but the purchaser paid no less than £5,800!"

"Virgins.—6d carmine (perf. 12x15), 4d brown, 1sh single-line border, 1sh red border, 1/2d yellow, 1d green, 1/2d green, 1d red, 2 1/2d blue, 4d brown, 6d mauve, 1sh brown."

Nothing is said as to what actually became of these remainders, but it is on record that in 1892 the Crown Agents sold to Mr. T. H. Thompson (with other Leewards) the following Virgin Islands stamps:

1/2d green, 17,364 4d brown, 8746
 1d rose, 38,969 6d mauve, 6408
 2 1/2d ultra., 10,007 1sh brown, 3801

During the year 1894 the following material was destroyed: the lithographic stones of the 1d, 4d, 6d, 1sh together with the "key plates" and "duty plates" of the 1/2d, 1d and 2 1/2d Queen's head

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AUSTRIA --- BIRTHDAY

1910, 1, 2 & 3h, unused, each\$.18
 5h green, unused, each05
 6h buff, unused, each05
 10h rose, unused, each06
 12 & 20h, unused, each18
 25h blue, unused, each12
 30 & 35h, unused, each18
 50h green, unused, each24
 60h carmine, unused, each28
 1k purple, unused, each38
 1908, 4pi green, No. 1105, each, unused... .02
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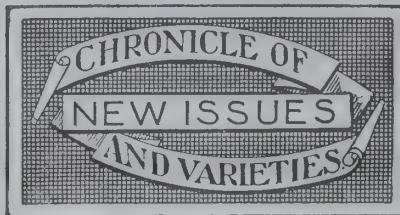
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UNITED STATES.—J. M. Bartels reports the following new envelope:

Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Kn.
1c	A	13	Blue	19	89

Correction.—2605A is duplicated in the chronicle of March 11, 1916, the last one should be 2674H.

J. H. Davis Reynolds sends us an envelope with a spot of color in the outer oval colorless line, like that reported in No. 1315 by Willard S. Fuller, but in this case the spot is between the "E" and "S" of "States." These are simply freaks and only of interest to collectors of such oddities. Unfortunately there were many of them found in the products of the makers of the series of envelopes just going out.

Sumner Gary has shown us two values of the 1916 issue of telegraph franks of the Western Union Telegraph Co. The design is a new one and has the signature of Newcomb Carlton. Those seen are the 5c blue and 25c lake. These stamps are now printed by the American Bank Note Co. Mr. Gary also reports having found the 25c of the 1915 issue in pairs and block, imperforate between.

BOLIVIA.—Jacques Krebs sends us a new stamp from Bolivia, of handsome appearance, though lithographed. It is of small size, printed horizontally, with "Correos de Bolivia" at the top and the value at the bottom, with the figures of value in shields in the lower corners. The central portion is filled with a picture of "El Illimani" the pride of Bolivia 21,060 feet high. It is printed on white, unwatermarked paper and perforated 11 1/2.

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CANADA.—Gladstone Perry submits specimens of the current 2c King George stamp showing marked differences of printing. Part of this is undoubtedly due to too much ink, though there appears to be a difference in the way the hair is separated from the face and neck. Still the difference is very slight, and hardly enough to suggest a new die.

FRANCE.—Theodore Champion reports that a new set of War Stamps is to be issued shortly, the current stamps of France to be used. These will be over-printed, as follows, "Guerre 14-16 Orphelins P. T. T." and additional values. These will be for interior use only, the difference between the postal value and the new value going to the work for the protection of the orphans. They will have a rather restricted issue.

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GREECE.—The Edgewood Stamp Co. sends us specimens of two Red Cross stamps from Greece. As we are unable to read the inscriptions, we are unable to say whether they are anything more than labels to be used by those chari-

tably inclined. They are handsomely printed in blue and red, and would make a good appearance in a collection of War Stamps.

Leon Jeanede informs us that a new series of stamps for this country is now in course of preparation. The 1, 2, 3 and 10 lepta bear the portrait of the King, those of 15l carry the eagle of Ptolemy, on the 20l is a Persian figure. The 25l bears the head of Minerva, the 30l a soldier charging with a bayonet, the 40l represents a lion, the 50c bears the combined portraits of the sovereigns, and the 75c represents a view of Janina. On the 1 drachme value is the King on horseback escorting his troops. The 5dr bears the bust of Zeus, and the 10dr value the view of Parthenon.

HONDURAS.—The C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. submits specimens of the 2c "Puente Ulua" stamp, recently chronicled, showing that these stamps are printed so that the two vertical rows in the centre of the sheet are printed tete beche.

MEXICO.—W. G. Birdseye also calls attention to the fact noted in No. 1309, that the perforated portrait set differs radically from the rouletted set originally issued. The design is smaller, and appears to have been redrawn, but as the stamps were lithographed such variations were to be expected.

PERU.—Jacques Krebs also submits specimens of the new provisionals noted last week, and we have also received copies from the C. E. Hussman Stamp Co.

PHILIPPINES.—Holden D. Wetherbee also reports having found defects on the Aguinaldo stamps, similar to those printed recently in the WEEKLY. These include a period after the "F" of Filipinas; and an imperfect letter for the first "I" in the same word, making it to appear like a "P". Also, two types of the "L" in the same word on the 8c stamps. As these stamps were roughly printed, these "errors" and others equally unimportant are readily accounted for.

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Let us consider certain countries which can be collected and if desired, specialized without great expenditure of money. In my experience with collectors of all classes, I have gained a pretty fair knowledge of the popular and unpopular countries. Therefore, I will deal only with the countries which have proven the most popular to the beginner or new collector. For instance:

CHILE.

This South American state owes its popularity to several reasons. First of all, the stamps are as a whole, clean and free from speculative issues, though it is true that one or two issues were put out which were somewhat tainted.

Next, Chile has not issued a great many varieties, and is a country that can be well represented at a very small cost. Indeed, from 1853 to 1903, a period of fifty years, only fifty-seven major varieties were issued, according to Scott. This is a record that no other South American state can excel. Even Chile has awakened to the possibilities of a revenue from stamp collectors, for in the ten years from 1903 to 1913 as many stamps were issued as in the fifty years prior to 1903.

The early issues of Chile, from 1853 to 1865 are very popular with specialists, and pairs, covers and other choice pieces are much sought after. Much work can be done in plating and shading and studying types, by the man who cares for this sort of work. Yet even these early issues are quite within the reach of the small collector, who simply wishes "one of a kind." The 5c and 10c values can be secured for a few cents, while the 1c and 20c will only cost a small sum if pen cancelled copies, and not a large amount with printed cancellation. Pen-cancelled copies of these issues are not undesirable, for the reason that very few hand-stamps and other postal obliterations were in use in Chile in the days those stamps were current, and many of the smaller offices were forced to pen-cancel their stamps. They do not indicate fiscal use, as is so often the case with pen-cancelled stamps.

From the stand-point of beauty, the stamps of Chile can scarcely be excelled. The first issues, if in fine condition, offer a most pleasing appearance when properly mounted. The rest of the nineteenth century issues are not unusually attractive, yet are not to be considered entirely lacking in beauty, for careful examination will reveal some truly fine specimens of the engravers' art. The twentieth century issues are far superior to many of the issues of larger and more important nations, when beauty is considered. In fact, very few nations can boast of a handsomer set than the 1910 Jubilee set of

Chile. The current series makes a handsome showing in an album, especially if a block or strip is added to the page.

There are no great rarities among the used normal varieties of Chile. Many are very scarce, and some run into dollars, but the highest priced ordinary postage stamp of Chile catalogues \$10.00 though some of the officials and dues exceed this amount. Certain of the minor varieties are priced above \$10.00 and are beyond the reach of the average collector because of their scarcity, so they scarcely need be considered. Of course, an unused collection would necessitate quite an out-lay if the first issues were to be included, and very little could be done even with sufficient money, owing to the extreme scarcity of some of these printings and shades in fine unused condition. However, the "unused only" collector will find almost everything after the first type within his reach, for there are but two major varieties listing above \$3.50 after the first type, and these are the ten peso values, where face value must be reckoned with.

As an investment the stamps of Chile are fair. To date, very few sharp increases have been noted. Many of the stamps have remained constant in price, yet there have been few decreases. It is quite certain that some of the earlier issues will make sharp jumps before many years, as the demands of specialists for wholesale quantities of such stamps as the 5c and 10c values will soon exhaust the supply and force the price above 10c and 5c as at present. In fact, Chile No. 8—5c brown on blued paper, London print, listing 25c, is many times scarcer than the 12c, No. 73, 1905-9, listing 75c or even the peso No. 78, listing \$3.50. While both of these stamps are somewhat scarce, yet large supplies are known to be held, and copies of each are more commonly seen than No. 8, of which no great supply is known to be "cornered."

Collectors need feel little anxiety about investing in Chilean stamps. The investment will be of small consequence unless the early issues are indulged in heavily, and these are very certain to remain at their present value or to increase.

Chile is perhaps the most conservative country in the world with regard to stamp designs, for in the first fifty years of her philatelic history, only five distinct designs were employed, and all stamps from 1853 to 1910 bore the portrait of Christopher Columbus. This is a record that no other country can equal. Yet, the uninformed collector will often speak of Chilean stamps as speculative trash, placing them in the category of some of the other South American states where speculation has played a leading part.

In writing up the various issues of Chile, I shall not attempt to dwell on the technical points, as these have all been covered in other articles by writers who have gone deeply into the subject of their study. I shall attempt merely to cover the surface, and will leave the work of diving into the details of those better fitted to handle such work.

The plates of the first type were engraved in London by Perkins, Bacon & Co., and stamps of the value of 5c and 10c were printed in London by the engravers and issued in Chile in July, 1853. The 5c was printed on bluish paper, while the 10c was printed on white. The impressions were very fine and clear, since the plates were new.

Later these plates were sent to Santiago, where the firm of N. Desmadryl made several printings on white paper with a different watermark from the paper used by Perkins, Bacon & Co.

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In 1867, the second type of Chilean stamps was issued, being the work of the American Bank Note Co. of New York, who have supplied the Chilean stamps to the present day with but one exception. This set consisted of five values, (a 2c stamp added) and was perforated on unwatermarked paper. Chile is one of the few countries, if not the only one, to use watermarked paper first and then discontinue its use. Others have adopted watermarked paper in preference to unwatermarked.

The third type was adopted in 1877, when a new set of the same values was issued, rouletted instead of perforated.

The fourth type, which is really but a modification of the third was adopted in 1878 and used until 1900, various new values and other changes being made from time to time.

The 30c stamp of this type, issued in 1899, is one of the scarcest of the Chilean stamps, owing to the fact that a large number were surcharged with a new value in 1901.

The twentieth century issues will be taken up at a later date.

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CHAPTER VII.

The First Dominion Issue.

The steady growth of Upper Canada, chiefly due to immigration, until it had twice the population of its sister Province, Lower Canada, aroused cries for a readjusted representation, which threatened the French with a hopeless minority in Parliament and the country with another impasse. The federation of all the provinces under something like the American system was the only solution; and with, for the most part, the cordial coöperation of the maritime provinces, the great scheme was carried through, and the new dominion launched in 1867. Each province retained its local autonomy and separate legislature under a lieutenant-governor, always a Canadian, nominated by the federal executive. To the latter was reserved all great affairs, such as defense, customs, Crown lands, Indians, and the organization of the vast western territories then just beginning to open up.

The famous Sir John Macdonald, the most illustrious of Canadian statesmen, was prominent in the federal movement, as also was Sir Charles Tupper. A final meeting was held in London, and early in 1867 the British North America Act was passed through the Imperial Parliament. The new capital was fixed at Bytown, a small town up the Ottawa well removed from the frontier, fairly central to all the provinces, and felicitously rechristened Ottawa. Here were erected the stately houses of parliament for senate, commons, and the entire government staff, familiar to all travellers, and there, too, the governor-general of all British North America took up his residence, Lord Monck being the first to hold this high office, and Sir John Macdonald the first premier.

The British North America Act, referred to above, provided for the division of the Dominion of Canada into four provinces named Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and also made provision for the admission of Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, etc., when such admission should be deemed advisable. The Act went into force on

July 1st, 1867, and as a mark of the importance of this event the first day of July is now a national holiday known as "Dominion Day".

It only remains to say that Prince Edward Island, British Columbia and Manitoba (not then organized) came into the federation shortly afterwards.

One of the chief duties of the first Parliament, which met at Ottawa on November 6th, 1867, was the revision and consolidation of the laws of the various provinces now federated, and amongst these were, of course, the laws relating to the Post Office. The Act passed for the regulation of the postal service is a lengthy one and the only provisions of special interest to us as philatelists, those relating to the rates of postage,—are more clearly and definitely tabulated in a Department Order issued from Ottawa on March 1st, 1868, to which we shall make reference later. Before doing so, however, we make a short extract from the Post Office Act insofar as it relates to definitions of various terms and expressions, viz.:

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(To be continued.)

VARIETY OF 1c 1890.

By CHAS. A. COOLIDGE.

Regarding an article on the "Variety of 1c 1890" by G. A. Roush published by you a few weeks ago, I desire to add my corroboration to fact that this stamp presents many interesting variations in its impressions from the normal plate. I have three specimens that have a very similar appearance to your illustrations drawn by Mr. Hoagland, which I found two or three years ago and noted in my album among several others that show white streaks, or prolongations from the foot of the figures "one" where the plates failed to print the blue ink on the paper.

For some reason, that I am unable to discover, this 1c issue is quite prolific in these abnormal appearances which are not ordinarily discovered on many of the American Bank Note issues. Whether the plates became worn or that there was some cause that the ink did not "take" on the plate is a question that I should like to see determined, for I do not consider any of these variations due to defective engraving.

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EDITORIAL.

Uncertain—Speculation is being indulged in by those who have been following the course of taxation as exemplified by our revenue stamps. We have been favored with an expression of opinion on possibilities of expanded treatment of the present enactment that will have the effect of augmenting the list of stamps now in use. The following letter from Washington while lacking in definite statement reflects expectations of further issues of revenue stamps and at the same time, it may be added, chaotic conditions that do not allow of an accurate analysis of the situation. "... There is a feeling that the revenue law may be tinkered with almost any day so soon as the momentous questions now engaging the attention of congress are disposed of. Impending action is seen and feared by the proprietary medicine manufacturers who are concerned with the outcome. ... The sudden Mexican developments will have the effect undoubtedly of requiring added taxation if it becomes necessary for extensive military operations in Mexico for a considerable period of time."

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More—From Mr. H. E. Deats, Flemington, New Jersey, we have received

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1847, 10c strip of three on cover.
1851, 5c extra fine.
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Hearsay—We adjure the fierce factionists who are battling over old Carbon Tetrachloride to cease their fratricidal strife and join in the closing chorus of peace. Incidentally, Mr. Thorn Smith, Detroit, twangs his lyre: "The enemies of my friend, Carbon Tetrachloride, are bound to land him in jail and yet not one of the various experts, pseudo and real, that have testified has given an iota of real evidence. If it spoiled a dozen stamps for one man as he says why does he not state what they were? Of course it is poison but so are lots of other things." Mr. Thorn Smith has had twenty-five years' experience as an analytical chemist.

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Popular—Our rebus contest based on the partial illustrations of stamps that entered into our cover design of the issue of February 26th, 1916, has duplicated the success of the competition based on the cover of the issue of January 8th, 1916. The task of weighing the merits of the numerous entries is an exacting one but the report of the judge will be available in a week or two. The prize contest for the best essay on the Charm of Stamp Collecting has inspired many talented writers to their best efforts and the work of nominating the winning entry will be difficult. However, we shall cut the G. knot by printing a batch of the meritorious contributions.

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Variety—Mr. R. J. C. Brown of the University of Minnesota has brought the current 12 cent into the calcium's glare again, just after it stepped off the stage after its double transfer act. He writes: "I have found a vertical strip of four of the twelve cent, perforated 12, that has been printed from a plate that has become cracked as there are two irregular lines extending down this strip. These lines are in the color of the stamp itself. I have also, another vertical pair that has one very thick irregular line on it. I have examined these with a magnifying glass and find that the horizontal lines of the stamps, in most cases are broken at this point, showing that there was a crack in the plate. I buy a great many stamps direct from the post office and I succeeded in getting only these two strips, as prac-

tically the whole sheet had been sold to the trade. There were about thirty-seven stamps of the sheet left and these were broken up into singles and irregular blocks. In looking over these, I noticed that many had the appearance of being slightly scratched; and I finally found the two stamps mentioned, indicating that the plate had been damaged. The plate was number 6902,—the upper left pane. I have since examined all the other sheets of the twelve cents here but found none in them."

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Shades—We do not suppose that collectors are ignoring the present yield of remarkable shades due to the conservation of the color supply at the Bureau. It is a satisfaction to know that the color variations are to be had through one's watchfulness and the investment of face value, in many instances. Thus far, the two, three, eight and twelve cent have been among the denominations to furnish striking shades; and in all likelihood the field of this particular "aside" will increase in richness. In this connection, reports come frequently that processes for manufacturing the dyes have been successfully established here and there but it seems that dependence cannot be placed upon the statements. Germany it appears is the real custodian of colors.

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Unofficial—An envelope received in the course of correspondence and postmarked, Spade, Nebr., has the additional impression in red at the left end of the stamped envelope, "Sandol, Nebr.," in postmark form, with a white cross in outline on a red field, flanked with the rubber-stamped notice: "Delayed by Want of Mail Service." These markings must be unofficial and no doubt are the fruits of enterprise of one who takes this means to call attention to the government's alleged discrimination or neglect.

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Blocked—We have received a skit lampooning the collectors of unused blocks of four United States but coming as it did anonymously, we shall not publish it. The gist of this fantasy is that a collector would not buy an unused ninety cent, 1869, even though it was offered by the nettled dealer on a descending scale which struck one dollar as its final note. The explanation was that to the block of four collector a single stamp was "dross" and that only a "block of four would make him come across." The block of four collector has multiplied greatly during the last score of years and we recollect having referred to Mr. Slater of Providence, R. I., in 1893, as a veritable curiosity as a collector as he wanted U. S. in blocks of four.

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XIX. Proofs and Colour Trials.

Proofs, die-proofs and colour trials
are extremely scarce, very few being
known to philately. Outside those copies
in the Tapling Collection at the British
Museum in London and the specimens
described in the Royal Society's work
"West Indies," very few have ever
turned up.

The following is a list of such proofs,
etc., as are known:—

- 1d Die proof in black and green (Tap-
ling Collection).
- 6d Die proof in black and pale blue
(Tapling Collection).
- 4d proof in issued colour on pinkish
and pink paper.
- 4d lithographed proof in red and
emerald green.
- 6d rose on thin white card ("West
Indies").
- 1sh (single lined with Virgin) in car-
mine and deep vermilion.
- 1sh (single lined without Virgin) in
black.
- 1/2d (Queen's head) in green, red and
blue [CANCELLED].
- 4d Queen's head of Antigua with
name obliterated with black rule
and underneath in small capitals
VIRGIN ISLANDS.
- 1/2d (1899) imperf. proof in green.

There are doubtless colour trials of
the other values of the Queen's head
issue. The 4d Antigua surcharges Vir-
gin Islands is probably the rarest of all
the proofs and colour trials described.

XX. Postmarks.

Prior to the introduction of postage
stamps (British used in Virgin Islands)
a frank was in vogue which represented
the fee paid upon a letter. Considering
that the Falkland Islands franks are
catalogued by Gibbons it is curious that
this far rarer (and far more legitimate)
frank has not received that recognition.

This extremely rare frank is com-
posed of a double lined circle with a
large crown at the top placed half in-
side and half outside the double circle.
Within the circles are the words PAID
at top, AT in center and TORTOLA at
bottom.

The frank is in black and is the earli-
est postal relic of the Islands.

About 1858 one or both of the can-
cellations described in Chapter VI were
first used—the usual well-known "Brit-
ish used abroad" type of postmark, num-
bered and lettered "A13" and "A91" re-
spectively. Although we have not been
able to find out the dates when the
different obliterations were first brought
into use, we believe the following list
gives the postmarks in their true chrono-
logical sequence:

- (i) Official frank double lined circle
with crown and inscription PAID
AT TORTOLA Prior to 1858.
- (ii) British used abroad type "A13."
- (iii) British used abroad type "A91."
- (iv) Small circle inscribed (in four
straight lines) A—TORTOLA—
date—year.
- (v) Slightly larger circle with inscrip-
tion TORTOLA (reading round top
half of circumference) and in three
straight lines underneath: A—date
—year.
- (vi) Same as above except that the let-
ter "A" is omitted above date.
- (vii) Double lined circle, reading be-
tween circles: on top ROADTOWN
lower half TORTOLA. V. I. There
is a thick black lead on either side.
Within the inner circle in three
lines—hour of posting—date—year
in full.
- (viii) Double lined circle. Inscription
between circles; on top OFFICIAL
PAID, lower half ROAD TOWN,
TORTOLA. V. I. The centre is
blank.
- (ix) Registration. Large thick black
"R" enclosed in thick oval.
- (x) Large thick black letter T.
- (xi) New registration mark, in black.

**R ROAD TOWN
TORTOLA. V. I.
NO**

We shall at all times be pleased to
hear from collectors or dealers who
may be able to supply any additional
notes on these interesting stamps.

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

The United Stamp Company, Chicago,
has published a new album that com-
bines several original features with the
best of old ones; and the result is an
album for the issues of the United
States that will take its place among the
standard publications of the kind. In-
deed, basing one's premises on the
merits of the Marquette Sectional Loose
Leaf Album, as the work is called, one
might predict that it will establish it-
self in high favor with the numerous
collectors of United States stamps. It
takes the courage of one's convictions
to enter the lists of album publishing of
pretentious kind; and we say that the
sanguine expectations of the projectors
of the album are well founded. The
Marquette is a loose-leaf album that has
a patent binder that allows of easy ad-

justment of the leaves. Ruled spaces
are provided for the stamps and each
space is numbered. The parts were is-
sued in serial form and three instal-
ments are required to complete the U.
S. section well through the civil war
revenues. Each leaf has the protection
of a sheet of waxed paper. A distinc-
tion is gained by the album by the his-
torical data, concisely given, that intro-
duces the different issues. To one who
attends to this complementary study,
the album becomes unrivalled, being to
all intents and purposes, an album
"written up." Valuable information is
given as to "authorization," "plates,"
"contracts," "reprints," etc.; and pictures
of type differences abound.

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1913 16f green, No. 15807
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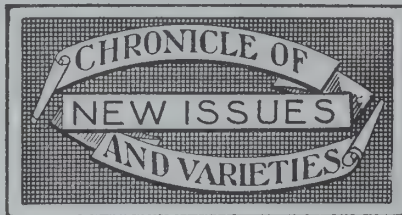
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- (2) Design for a stock plate that will be suitable for any British Colony.
- (3) Design for a stock plate that can be used in connection with U. S. stamps.

In regard to the latter division we may add that we expect to run articles dealing with special perforations, regular revenues (including Match and Medicine) as well as articles dealing with the stamps of Canal Zone and Porto Rico.

This competition will close April 25 and those who wish can compete in all three classes. The drawings if larger than 6x9 1/2 must be made in accordance with this proportion for necessary reduction. There is absolutely no restriction as to size, form or style of sketch and entries will be considered taking but a fraction of the cover page space.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—New Envelopes as reported by J. M. Bartels:

Denom.	Die	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Kn.
2c	C	5	Buff	19	99
2c	C	13	White	19	101
1c	A	13	Amber	20	89
2c	128 (new)	5	Amber	20	87
2c	128 (new)	8	Amber	20	59
2c	128 (new)	13	White	20	89

A. W. Filstrup has shown us the current 4c stamp, in coil strips, perforated 10 vertically, as printed on the rotary machine. These come in continuous strips, without lines or joined ends.

ALBANIA.—Italian Offices.—The 2c orange brown stamp of Italy has been surcharged "Scutari di Albania—4 Para 4" for use in the Italian offices in Albania.

AUSTRALIA.—The *Australian Philatelist* reports that a new series of military post cards has just appeared in four different colors.

BOLIVIA.—We are indebted to the C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. for a specimen of the new "El Illimani" stamp as noted last week.

CANADA.—Collectors are facing the possibility of an early change in the color of the "1Tc" on 2c War Stamps of the Dominion.

CHILE.—Maury's *Collectionneur* reports that the 8c, 14c, 25c, 40c, and 60c values of the current series are to be suppressed.

FIJI.—The 1d stamp has also been converted into a War Stamp, according to the following letter from Maitland Milliken: "I have a pair of Fiji 1d carmine, Scott's A23, King George, surcharged in capital letters in black thus "WAR STAMP." This was in use the middle of January. It did not prepay the postage, as I had to pay double deficient postage or 10c. It is evident that this war stamp does not prepay postage like the Canadian War Tax, but is simply a tax on letters and the like.

War Tax Stamp.

1d scarlet and black.

GREAT BRITAIN.—All kinds of curiosities are coming to light in the way of censor marks and labels. The latest to be noted was kindly sent by D. C. Alexander, and is a registered cover from London. In addition to the usual assortment of labels showing that the letter was "Passed by Censor 1626," there are a couple of impressed seals in wax, reading "P. C."

INDIA.—Maury's *Collectionneur* reports that the 6a King George stamp is coming in a new color.

Adhesive.

6a light brown.

NETHERLANDS.—The Netherlands postal authorities have issued a special stamp for the Belgian soldiers interned in that Country, according to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*. These soldiers are allowed to write to their friends twice a month, and their letters are forwarded without cost. For this service a special stamp has been provided, the design rep-

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NEW ZEALAND.—According to the *Australian Philatelist*, there has been such a demand for the 1 1/2d stamps, owing to the imposition of the 1/2d war tax, that the authorities are making arrangements to have the 1 1/2d King George stamp printed from electros as is already done in the case of the 1/2d stamps. Owing to the difficulty of getting the necessary dyes, there is a probability of an early change in some of the colors of the King George series.

PORTUGAL.—The postal authorities of this country have just closed a competition for designs for a new series of stamps. Both postage and parcel post stamps are contemplated.

URUGUAY.—The lithographed stamps of 1914-15, now current, have been overprinted "Oficial" in black for official use. The 2c, 5c, 8c, 20c, 23c, 50c, and 1p are reported with this overprint.

1c CANADA WAR TAX.

By HENRY J. PERRY, M. D.

In view of your announcement that you had in preparation a paper on the Canadian war tax stamps, I want to call your attention to one fact which I have not seen published. I have observed that the one cent war tax stamp was printed from a plate made from a different die from the regular one cent stamp. This is shown by several differences:—the shape of the figure one in the lower corners; the spacing between the right maple leaf and the square containing the numeral is narrower in the ordinary one cent stamp so that a horizontal line of background cannot pass between the leaf and the square as it does in the war tax stamp, and lastly the part of the epaulet in white where it comes nearest to the second right maple leaf is different in the two stamps. I wonder if this does not prove that the war tax stamp was not issued in a great rush as was supposed.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—C. A. Townsend sends us a clipping showing an illustration of an Erie, Pa., postmark "Feb. 30." The hour is 1.30 A. M. and doubtless the date was corrected in a "later edition."

—The Portland (Maine) Philatelic Society is doing finely. It has twenty-five members from among progressive and advanced collectors. The society has permanent quarters now at the Farrington Block and holds meetings the first and third Saturdays of each month.

—R. K.—Most collectors follow the lines laid down in Scott's catalog. A favorite method is to group a country and its colonies. It is purely a matter of individual fancy.

—Howard M. Fry has examined an upper left pane Plate 6900 of the current 12c U. S. and has placed the following transfers, showing location in the pane:—Horizontal row 1, Nos. 7 and 10; row 2, Nos. 6 and 7; row 3, Nos. 4, 5 and 6; row 4, Nos. 7, 8 and 10; row 5, Nos. 4, 7, 8 and 9; row 6, Nos. 6, 7 and 9; row 7, Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 9; row 8, Nos. 6, 7 and 8; row 9, Nos. 6 and 7; row 10, No. 7. It is interesting to note how uniformly Nos. 6, 7 and 8 are to be found with the transfers.

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Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Boston, Mass. [181-2]

had postage paid in current 1c green stamps. Also they were canceled with blue, indelible pencil. They seem to be short on rubber stamp ink, as well as stamps, up in that 'neck-o-woods'—**PAUL DILLINGHAM.**

—"I have just received a catalog of J. C. Morgenthau & Co.'s 111th sale. In it I find lot No. 1325 described as follows: 'St. Christopher, 4p on 6p green, double surcharge (18b), used, repaired at lower left, a very rare stamp and the first copy that we have ever seen.' I find this stamp was issued in 1885-86 and if it is 'the first copy' in all this time since 1885, that a man of stamp experience (Mr. Morgenthau) 'has ever seen,' it must certainly be some rare stamp."—**ALVAH G. CLARK.**

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K. Yowell gives as references several local firms. A letter sent one of the references was returned "Undeliverable."

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—The Rhode Island Philatelic Society held its 254th regular meeting March 21st, about twenty members and guests being present. Two new names were proposed for membership and a very spirited auction sale was held. President Chambers exhibited his fine collection of War Stamps.—HAROLD N. GIBBS, Sec.

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REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING MAR. 12, 1916

Applications for Membership.
James E. Scallan, R. F. D. No. 1, Wancoma, Iowa; age 46; farmer. Proposed by Robt. Weber.

Frank C. Brown, 66 Burnett St., East Orange, N. J.; age 47. Proposed by Robt. Weber.

W. C. Wendover, Red Creek, N. Y.; age 34; farmer. Proposed by W. W. Norton.

E. F. Harrington, P. O. Box 665, Hartford, Conn.; age 51; banker. Proposed by J. D. Hubel.

Herbert A. Pippel, Box 166, Robbinsdale, Minn.; age 21. Proposed by Dr. W. I. Mitchell.

John B. Newton, 721 Main St., Hartford, Conn.; aged 45; physician. Proposed by Dr. W. I. Mitchell.

Walter E. Goodwin, Dover, N. H.; age 30; Post Office clerk. Proposed by Robt. Weber.

New Members.
No. 109. S. L. Irvine, Gering, Neb.
No. 110. Harold L. Hock, 17 South Ave., Ithaca, N. Y.

Financial Report.
Amount on hand as per last report, \$32.57
Receipts from applicants, 3.50

Total, \$36.07

Expenses.
To printing of report, \$2.00
To printing and mailing of 65 Reply Cards, 1.91

Total, \$3.91
Balance on hand, \$32.16

REPORT OF SALES DEPT. TO FEB. 1, 1916.

Total books entered, 298
Value of same, \$2,369.42
Number of circuits, 63
Books retired, 227
Total sales, \$563.95
Books in circulation, 71
Number of circuits, 6

The above 298 books have been sent in by 35 members, and are sent only to those who ask for them. Why not write (and get full benefit of your membership).

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Mar. 16, meeting called to order by Vice President Meininger. Minutes were read and adopted. As this was open exchange and auction night, there was a very busy session in swapping stamps. Eleven members and three visitors were present. Special for the next meeting, April 6, exhibit of old German States by Theodore E. Steinway, competitive display, bisected stamps. Visitors always welcome.

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"How many does it take to make a quorum?"

Jimmy O' looked over the top of the WEEKLY at his *fidus achates*, who sat upon the ground, hugging his knees and scowling fiercely apropos of nothing.

"A quorum, Eddy, consists principally of one man an' a gun," declared Jimmy O', as he resumed reading.

Eddy grinned appreciatively, arose, and, entering the house, resumed with me the subject nearest his heart.

"Frien' o' ourn, w'at we need here in Arizony is more lungs an' fewer c'lecters. W'y, in this here town o' Willow, an' up there on th' range, I count 'leven faithful men an' true who've got c'lections, an' some of 'em mighty fine ones at that—a whole lot better'n some o' their lungs. Now what we need in Arizony is—"

"More sheep an' less goats," broke in Jimmy O' from his vantage point in the doorway.

Eddy reared up. Mention of sheep always made him peevish. Then, after he'd spluttered a moment, much to Jimmy's joy, he resumed:

"W'at we need right in this here town o' Willow is a Philatelic society. An' we c'n read papers, an' exchange views an' have a forg'ry c'lection, an' trade stamps, an'—an'—"

"Have two-minute rounds wit' the gloves," Jimmy ended the sentence and Eddy subsided.

"It would be a good stunt—first-rate," I declared.

"Stamps er rounds?" questioned Jimmy, with his grin, as the boys started for the range.

* * *

About two o'clock of a cool afternoon, a fortnight after the foregoing conversation, the Philatelic Society of Arizona was born. Frevor Moore was chosen president, Jimmy O', vice-president, and Eddy treasurer. The secretarial honors fell to me.

"You're on the ground, an' c'n answer letters any time," declared Jimmy.

"An', by heck! You gotta be librarian, too—fer if they're any books comin' t' Arizony you oughta have 'em," declared the new treasurer.

"It hardly seems fair to the boys to meet and elect ourselves to office without giving them a chance to vote," suggested Moore, after we had dispensed the business.

"Oh, they'll agree, all right," said Jimmy O'. "You jest bet they'll agree." "Sure," affirmed Eddy, "sure. Else we wouldn't a-done it. No, sir. But if any of 'em would want a office, we'll give 'em one—gee! we'll cre-ate th' office now—an' it'll be—it'll be—Jimmy O', you tell."

"Authenticator of postmarks," declared Jimmy O', without batting an eyelash.

Eddy gasped. Then he solemnly arose, shook Jimmy's hand, walked quickly out of the door, down the path, and vanished.

We three fell to reading.

Half an hour later, Eddy appeared. With him was a small and slender man, forty or thereabouts. He wore a huge pair of iron-bowed spectacles, anchored behind his ears, through the binnacles of which a pair of hazel eyes looked joyously out upon a troubled world. The man's hair was almost white at the temples. His face showed traces of sorrow and suffering, commingled with a sweetness about the mouth in spite of its strength and firmness. He was dressed in the typical cowboy style,—hickory shirt, blue overalls, high heel riding boots, and the wide-brim light Stetson, so common in the southwest. His cartridge-belt hung loose about his waist. It held two Luegers, the scabbards tied down.

Before Eddy introduced him, I knew at once it was Willy Grow, cow-puncher, riata-thrower, and the quickest and most accurate shot in the entire outfit of Arizona Rangers,—now, alas! legislated out of office.

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rors, many unknown to philatelic students here—showed me faked cancellations and genuine that could not be told apart except by an expert. Both were from the same hand-stamp, only an infinitesimal mark had been made on its face when the cancelling stamp was discarded!

"Well, I absorbed information. I found there were runaway postmasters along the border who were cancelling stamps by wholesale—stamps they had stolen when they fled. He knew them one and all.

"I never left until after breakfast. Then my two friends escorted me back to my hotel.

"El Americano," said the same Mexicans who whispered 'gringo' when I passed before. They seemed to think now I was either furnishing arms or financing the revolution.

"As I was getting on the train to go North, next day, a man unknown to me—a Mexican—pushed a package into my hands, and promptly disappeared into the crowd.

"When I opened it, I found as fine a lot of Mexican revolutionary stamps, on and off covers,—singles—pairs—blocks—and even a few sheets—as ever came out of that troubled republic.

"There was a note, too, from my old friend, in explanation. The raids were not authentic, nor the reward. It was all done as a blind to cover the running of arms and ammunition across the border.

"The reward to me was that outfit of stamps. And now, Jimmy O', you see I can be of assistance to you and the Philatelic Society of Arizona, in solving the authenticity of cancellations of Mexican stamps, if of no others."

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"He's th'—he's th'—anyways, he gits that there office Jimmy O'. cre-a-ted a-whiles back," said Eddy. "He's accepted—has Willy."

The hazel eyes and the entire face beamed with a smile which won me.

"You see, Eddy met me on Main street—I haven't seen him for several years—and, having learned from Jimmy O' that I was interested in stamps, he insisted on my presence and acceptance of office," said Willy.

Jimmy O' explained the jest.

"Well, not so bad, after all," said Willy. "Every philatelic society should create that particular office in these days of fraudulent cancellations,—which reminds me that I ran across the queerest outfit down in Nogales you ever saw."

Willy paused to roll a cigarette.

"Let's have the story, Willy," said Moore. "I know it's worth while."

"I hadn't been working much for about a month—just drifting along the border, looking for strays. Mexican bandits and guerillas had been running off stock from American ranches, and a reward of worth-while proportions had been offered for a certain bunch of rustlers, dead or alive."

"Me—I prefer 'em dead—that kind," chipped in Eddy.

"You're right, Eddy. They're safer to handle," declared Willy, resuming his narrative.

"I had been in Nogales only about 24 hours, but every Mexican there knew why I was there and what I wanted. 'Gringo—gringo' was whispered whenever I passed a group. Their looks did not reassure me of any mercy if I fell among them of a dark night, remote and alone.

"I was passing a little cag-mag of a hole—Mexican restaurant and hotel—when I heard a voice say in English:

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"Out of the door came an old Mexican I had known further north on the range. He was a fine old chap, and we had struck up quite a friendship. I went into the place with him, and he introduced me to a number of his friends.

"It seems it was a sort of revolutionary headquarters, and the makers of the Mexico of tomorrow congregated there to plot and plan.

"I was very frank to tell my friend the reason for being there. He looked very grave for a moment, then his kindly old face wrinkled into smiles. He called over one of his friends, and to him was expalined my presence in Nogales.

"My friend, the reward is not for you," said the old man, 'but for us. There shall be no more.'

"Then he talked of other things, finally leading up to stamps—for the old chap was interested, even as I.

"He called over another of his friends, and we talked for a couple of hours longer. It seems the younger man had been an official high in the postoffice department under the Diaz regime. What he did not know about Mexican stamps and cancellations was infinitesimal. He left for a few minutes, and when he returned he brought a bundle of all sorts and conditions of envelopes, with revolutionary stamps galore. Then we spent the rest of the night looking them over, he pointing out to me the minutest er-

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CHINA AND ITS STAMPS.

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CHAPTER I.—Historical.

The word "historical," when applied to China, is enough to appal one with the magnitude of the subject matter which a nation, claiming the longest continuous existence as a sovereign power of any on the earth, is able to present to the student. The origin of the Chinese is lost in the mists of antiquity—so much so that they have invented various fables to account for their appearance on the stage of human existence, and have thus rendered it more difficult to gain facts of real history. It is probable, however, that they were not indigenous, but came from Central or Western Asia at a very remote period, and were well organized as a political body long before their really authentic records begin.

With the reign of the Emperor Yao, about 2350 B. C., we emerge to some extent from the haze enveloping the earlier records of China. The so-called Hia dynasty was established about 2200 B. C. by "Yu the Great" and occupied the throne for 450 years with Emperors good, bad and indifferent, until a new line, known as the Shang dynasty, was proclaimed by revolution, as was its successor, the Chow dynasty 640 years later. Riot and rebellion seem to have been the order of the day ever since. Indeed, China has been called the "classic ground of revolution," and few of the later dynasties have lasted much over two centuries. Not only among her own people has she met with dissension, but by Mongols, Manchus, and Japanese has she been overwhelmed and laid waste, only to rise again and replace her own rulers.

About two centuries before our era there was a short but vigorous dynasty known as the Tsin dynasty, which united all the Chinese provinces under its authority and extended its conquests far to the south and west. It was this dynasty that built the Great Wall. At about the same time China became known to the western world in a vague sort of way by stories of the great empire in the East and samples of Chinese silks acquired by trade. Ptolemy and Pliny referred to the far away land as "Seres," and later, in the Middle Ages, it was known as "Cathay," which we find today in its Muscovite form of "Kitai" on the Russian stamps used in the empire. But the name "China" comes to us from this "Tsin" or "Chin" dynasty through India, where China became known at the time as "Ma Chin" or "Great Chin"—that is, the Empire of Chin or China.

Traders and missionaries visited the empire, and in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries very complete accounts were brought to Europe of this great and civilized country. The famous traveler, Marco Polo, visited Cathay in 1295, and became a great favorite with the Emperor. In the fourteenth century, too, trade was begun by Europeans, and a certain traffic with India had long existed.

But a great change in the spirit of the Empire came with the seventeenth century. The last native dynasty, known as the Ming dynasty, fell about

1644, when the Manchus, called in to help quell rebellion, succeeded in establishing themselves in Peking and after a seven years' struggle conquered the whole country. The new dynasty set up by them was called "Ta t'sing" or "Great Pure," and was the one recently on the throne. The Manchus were, however, in the position of a very small body who by sheer force retained their domination over a vast population. In early times the Chinese do not seem to have been averse to intercourse with foreigners, but the new Manchu rulers were fearful lest the latter stir up the Chinese, and excited by acts of the Spanish and Portuguese along the coast, they determined to close all ports to foreigners and keep the empire hermetically sealed against development and innovation.

Macao, in the south, however, had already become a Portuguese possession in 1586, and the Manchu emperor did allow foreign trade and commerce at the one port of Canton, not far from Macao, while in 1771 permission was given to foreigners to reside there during the trading season. Canton thus became the center of the foreign intercourse with China and flourished accordingly, in spite of increasing friction between the traders and the imperial government.

At last, in 1840, the troubles broke into open war over the smuggling of opium from India, and the British sent an expedition which finally defeated the Chinese. In the treaty closing this "Opium War," signed at Nan-king, the "South Capital," August 29, 1842, Amoy, Foochow, Ningpo and Shanghai were opened to foreign trade in addition to Canton, and we have the first list of "treaty ports." In addition the island of Hongkong was ceded in perpetuity to Great Britain, and in 1843 it was made a Crown Colony, which it still remains.

In 1856 another Anglo-Chinese war broke out, into which the French were drawn, and when it was closed in 1860 by the treaty of Tien-tsin, eight more treaty ports were designated. Since then, by treaties and imperial decrees, many more ports have been added to the list, which is given in detail below.

CHAPTER II.—Treaty Ports.

The following list gives the Treaty Ports in the order of the opening of their custom houses, together with the date. Those listed before 1897 are the ones whose postmarks should be found on the three issues of the so-called "Customs" stamps.

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In 1897 Germany, to avenge the death of certain of her missionaries, seized the port of Kiao-chow, and under a so-called "lease" (January, 1898) had a practical protectorate over the province of Shan-tung. At the same time Russia, insatiate as usual, obtained further concessions with a "lease" (March 27, 1898), of Ta-lien-wan and Port Arthur in the Gulf of Pe-chi-li. The ball was now rolling, and Great Britain, not to be outdone, came in for a share of the spoils with a lease of Wei-hai-wei (April 2, 1898); and France, in the same month was supplied with the bay of Kwang-chow opposite the island of Hai-nan. Italy brought up the rear but got nothing. She demanded the bay of San-mum, on like terms, but the dragon flag still waves over it.

CHAPTER III.—A Republic.

The Emperor of China at the time of the institution of the Customs Post was Kuang-Hsü, who was born on August 2, 1872, and succeeded to the throne on the death of his cousin on January 22, 1875. But the real power behind the throne was the Empress Dowager, Tzu-Hsi, who was Regent during the Emperor's minority. Emperor Kuang-Hsü came of age and assumed the reins of government in March, 1887, but he proved too progressive to suit that remarkable woman, the Empress Dowager, and she forced his retirement in September, 1898. For ten years she was once more supreme, but finally died on November 15, 1908, the next day after the deposed Emperor had also died. The new Emperor, the little two and a half year old nephew of the preceding one, was proclaimed on November 14, 1908, under the reign name of Hsüan-t'ung.

Meanwhile, the progressive views of Emperor Kuang-Hsü, in spite of his forced retirement, had resulted in an edict on September 1, 1906, promising a constitution as soon as the people were ripe for it. The death of the Empress Dowager hastened matters and on October 3, 1910, a newly elected Senate, the basis of a future Parliament, met in Peking. But changes were not being made fast enough, and agitation against Manchu rule finally resulted in open rebellion in the autumn of 1911. The movement started in the south of China, but by the middle of October the great government arsenal at Wuchang had been taken and a military government declared. By the beginning of 1912 fourteen of the twenty-two provinces had joined the rebellion.

The government at Peking, seeing the seriousness of the uprising, granted everything to save itself. Many changes in administration were made, the new constitution was promulgated on November 3, 1911, two days after Yüan Shih-Kai had been called to Peking and made Dictator, and the Prince Regent took the constitutional oath on behalf of the Emperor on November 26, 1911. But the Southern provinces, in their desire to be rid of the Manchus, also decided to do away with the monarchy, and on December 29, 1911, the Nanking Assembly, representing fourteen Provinces, elected Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the leader of the rebellion, as President of the Republic of China! Meanwhile pressure was being brought to bear upon the Throne for abdication, and the edict was finally published on February 15, 1912, Yüan Shih-Kai being directed to set up a Provisional Republican government, and the new "nation" being renamed "Chung Hua Min Kuo" or literally "Middle Flowery Republic (People's State)." Yüan was elected

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The rebellion having accomplished its purpose, elections were held and the new Parliament met on April 8, 1913; a new Constitution was drafted and adopted on October 25, 1913. Meanwhile the Parliament elected Yüan as President and he was inaugurated on October 10 for five-years. Then began a struggle for power between Yüan and the Parliament which ended in the dissolution of the latter on January 11, 1914, and the practical dictatorship once more of Yüan Shih-Kai. Full power proved so attractive that in 1915 hints of the futility of a republican form of government for China and the desirability of a return to the monarchical form began to be spread and a gradual (and well engineered!) movement began to take shape to make Yüan the new Emperor! He was finally prevailed upon (?) to accept the Throne of the re-constituted Chinese Empire and announced this to the world in an edict of December 11, 1915. The inauguration was to take place in February, 1916, but the trend of affairs started rebellion once more in South China, and Yüan, apparently seeing the "handwriting on the wall," has indefinitely postponed the "Imperial Yellow." China is still a Republic.

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—It is a frequent occurrence for us to have auction advertisements in the WEEKLY and dealers are realizing that there is no publicity that can equal that obtained from the WEEKLY mailing list. In this number the Exchange Stamp Co. runs its third mail auction sale and the attention of our readers is invited to it.

—President Kissinger is heading a movement to incorporate the S. P. A. under a national or federal charter. Members who have expressed themselves do not seem to be content to simply incorporate under a state charter. The S. P. A. is fortunate in having among its members and friends several influential members in Congress and some action along this line will probably be taken at the coming Washington convention.

—S. B. Hopkins, Laredo, Tex., would like to know the present addresses of R. L. Newton (Jacksonville, Fla.) and Glenn R. Knight (Sherman, Cal.).

—Will the collector in Doylestown, Pa., who sent an order to W. S. Aldrich recently, without signing his name, please supply the same, when his order will be filled.

—Herbert F. Seebohm, formerly connected with the Postage Stamp Co. of San Francisco, Cal., has resigned his position as the manager of the firm's approval department and has opened a store of his own at 615 Montgomery St. Mr. Seebohm assures us that it is his intention to use the WEEKLY as a publicity medium.

—"Do you bean-eaters in Boston know that the livest stamp club in the West is located in Detroit? 50 members and the club is growing like a patch of dandelions. Meets every two weeks at the St. Clair Hotel, two years old, several A. P. S. members, lots of subscribers to MEKEEL'S (would be more if said MEKEEL'S would mention its existence), President is Chas. Brisley. Known as 'Collectors' Philatelic Society of Detroit.'—THORN SMITH."

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Herman W. Boers (2), and Frank L. Jackson (2).

—We note that J. E. Guest is a candidate for re-election to the office of Sales Manager of the Southern Philatelic Association. It is not the practise of the WEEKLY to participate in the politics of our various organizations, but as a matter of news we are pleased to lend the publicity of our columns to this announcement. Mr. Guest has conducted the affairs of his office energetically during the year that has passed.

—Harrington Adams sends us a copy of his "Buying List of U. S. Precancelled Postage Stamps". It is a copyrighted list and sells for 10c. Mr. Adams is taking adlet space in exploiting this publication.

—Any philatelic society interested in receiving a donation of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS dating back four or five years and willing to pay cost of carriage, should communicate with F. C. Ryan, Cambridge, Ohio.

—In their advertisement on page 1, Hugo Griebert & Co. calls attention to their new issue service and especially in connection with their distribution of the N. W. Pacific Islands and the Trinidad Red Cross at their ordinary new issue rates. The firm feels that considering

the difficulties confronting importers of new issues, their patrons may well feel pleased with the service they have received. The motto of the firm "The service that serves" seems to fit admirably the activities of Griebert & Co. in supplying their customers with the new things as they appear.

—The Cincinnati Philatelic Society was permanently organized Mar. 28 at the Gibson House Hotel with the following officers: Pres., W. C. Kennett; V. Pres., Erwin L. Fischer; Secy.-Treas., A. D. Fennell; Trustees, J. A. McCullough, Albert S. Smith, Stanley Ashbrook and Geo. D. Kitzinger. Meetings 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Cincinnati collectors will be welcomed at the April 11 meeting.

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

Who's Who In Philately.—The book before us published by the Philatelic Magazine, Balham, London, is a substantial book bound in cloth, but the price 60c seems most too much for a book of this character, especially in view of the fact that there are some twenty pages of advertising. As its name implies, the book contains an alphabetical list of the world's notable collectors. It is interesting to note that the places of honor go to King George, the Prince of Wales, Queen Elena of Italy and the Crown Prince of Sweden, all four of whom are keenly interested in philately. The book contains a reference list of the philatelic societies of Great Britain, British Colonies and America, with names and addresses of their leading officers.

Postage Stamps of Norway.—Published by the Philatelic Magazine, 42 Fieldhouse Rd., Balham, London. This booklet by W. Nichols is a specialistic study of the stamps of Norway, sufficiently so to please the most fastidious in this direction. A very attractive feature is a plate containing 22 illustrations, the most of which are enlarged. The varieties are contrasted in illustrations, this being true of the lion with the "clubbed" foot, the types of the "Norge" lettering, the posthorn shaded and unshaded, the varieties of the krona stamps of the issues 1907-1911, etc. The price of the book is 25c and it can be obtained from the publishers.

S. P. A. Year Book 1916.—We must congratulate the Southern Philatelic Association and Louis M. Lang, publisher, especially for the very creditable publication just at hand. The book is compiled by the secretary of the Association, C. V. Webb, and issued under the auspices of a committee consisting of Mr. Webb chairman, Wm. Lycett and Louis M. Lang. President Kissinger is *ex-officio* a member of the committee. The book is well-printed and in its arrangement closely follows the Year Book of our premier society. A novel feature is a photograph of the Reading convention group showing the fifty attendants in a single line formation. The price of the book is fixed at 50c and copies may be secured from C. V. Webb, Perry, Ohio. We take pleasure in reviewing this most creditable publication and feel that the membership of the S. P. A. may well take pride in it.

Year Book of the M. P. A. 1915.—A less pretentious book than the one we have previously described is the one issued by the Metropolitan Philatelic Association, nevertheless the book at hand is an excellent one and a credit to the organization. Pictures of the board of directors serve as a frontispiece and there are halftones as well of the committee on Year Book, William H. Hollenbach, Chester C. Heffner, Burtin R. Fidler and Victor V. Boyer. Accompanying the Year Book is a copy of the constitution and by-laws adopted October 10, 1914. The price of the Year Book is 25c and may be obtained from the secretary, Rasmus Bartleson, 294 Arundel St., St. Paul, Minn. Though the book contains the records of the 1915 convention, the committee would have done well to have given it the date 1916 in place of 1915.

WHOLESALE STAMP MIXTURES

MIXTURE No. 1.

U. S. POSTAGE STAMPS.

This mixture is made up of all the cheaper varieties of used postage stamps from 1861 up to and including the 1915 issue. There are no 2c reds in this mixture and very few 1c blue. All issues are represented including the 1869 issue, Columbian, Trans. Mississippi, Buffalo, Jamestown, Alaska Yukon, Hudson Fulton and San Francisco Commemoratives, Parcels Post, Postage Dues, Special Deliveries, Register Stamps and occasionally some Department Stamps, over 150 varieties, but no revenues, envelopes or post cards are included. All stamps are clean and free from paper.

500\$1.50
1000 2.75

MIXTURE No. 2.

U. S. POSTAGE.

This mixture is collected from mail order houses, banks, etc., and is made up of current issues almost exclusively, many San Francisco issue, Special Delivery, Parcels Post, Postage Dues and Registered Letter stamps, etc., etc., will be found, and from 25 to 50 varieties, (no 2c reds are included). This mixture will be found profitable for making up sets and for exchange with foreign countries, many very large blocks will be found and 10c values are in the majority, many precancels will also be found, all stamps free of paper.

500\$.75
1000 1.25

MIXTURE No. 2A.

Same mixture as above on pieces of original paper. 500 for\$.60
1000 for 1.00

A very large variety of perforated initials will be found in both lots.

MIXTURE No. 3.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA.

The stamps in this mixture are mostly from countries where even the cheapest varieties sell at 2c and up. Honduras, Paraguay, Salvador, Bolivia, Panama, Guatemala, etc., etc., quite a few from other countries. These are direct importations, clean and free from paper, and such lots as come in my large foreign exchanges. This mixture is superior and different from my No. 4 mixture and dealers ordering both grades will have a splendid assortment for sheets and high grade packets, stamps of both 19th and 20th Century are included, and an immense variety. 500\$2.75
1000 5.00

MIXTURE No. 4.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA.

This mixture is made up of direct importations and such stamps as I have purchased from dealers in large lots, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Peru, Argentine Rep., etc., etc., many issues and 150-200 varieties. They are mostly the cheaper grade stamps and many from countries in addition to above. As a rule this mixture will be found to contain mostly 19th Century stamps, all clean and free of paper, and if ordered in conjunction with mixture No. 3 will give a splendid start to the amateur dealer. 500\$1.75
1000 3.25

MIXTURE No. 7.

ENGLISH COLONIES.

A very unusual mixture and a wonderful bargain in these popular stamps. It is a "mixture" in more ways than one, Queens heads, King Edward and King George—and even the fourth generation. Quite a few are on parts of original cover, in large strips and blocks and from all over the world. Transvaal, Mauritius, Australia, old and new—Ceylon, Natal, Tasmania, Sierra Leone, Queensland, Nigeria, Union of S. Africa, Rhodesia, Malta, Newfoundland, Bermuda, Trinidad, British Honduras, Jamaica, Gold Coast, etc., etc., a magnificent variety of the lower values many 50 years old and a great many of recent issue—

There are between 200-300 varieties in each 1000—but this must not be expected in the 500 lots. 500\$2.60
1000 5.00

MIXTURE No. 8.

U. S. CIVIL WAR REVENUES.

Made up of the cheapest varieties of which I have over 100,000 in stock, 2c Bank Check, yellow and blue, U. S. Int. Rev.; 5c Cert.; 5c In. Ex.; 25c Cert. some perf., some Imperf., and some part perf., while the large majority consists of above common stamps, quite a few really good stamps from 1c to \$2.00 values may be found mixed in. A low price to reduce stock. 500\$1.25
1000 2.00

MIXTURE No. 14.

MOSTLY AFRICANS.

All used clean and perfect, some on parts of original covers, and some free of paper. Each 500 lot contains about 150 varieties, from Br. Bechuanaland, Br. East Africa, Cape of Good Hope, East Africa and Uganda, Morocco Agencies, Gold Coast, Lagos, Malta, Mauritius, Northern Nigeria, Southern Nigeria, Orange River Colony, Rhodesia, Sierra Leone, Transvaal, Union of S. Africa, Madagascar, Reunion, Senegal, German Morocco, German South West Africa, Lorenzo Marques, Mozambique, Tunis, Egypt, besides a sprinkling of such countries as Western Australia, Malay States, New Zealand, Queensland, Ceylon, Trinidad and Tobago, and other English Colonies. 500 for \$3.04 post free.
1000 for \$5.60 post free.

Wholesale and retail lists free.
Postage extra on all orders.
GEO. J. CARTER, 265 Halsey St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

LAST CHANCE---FREE STAMPS!

premium were given and you get that much more value. There are plenty of bargains in "hard-to-get" stamps in this advertisement well worth your careful attention. Everything in good average to fine condition. We have one of the largest stocks of medium priced stamps in America and believe we can do as well by you as anyone. A trial solicited.

Wanted We want to buy good lots of salable stamps such as French and Portuguese Col., etc. Also a good collection of U. S. Offers solicited.

PREMIUMS

With every order from this advertisement of \$1.00 or more you can select premiums as stated below.

Given with a cash order of \$1.00 or more from this advertisement. Two of these with a \$5.00 order. Four with a \$10.00 order.

China 1913, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 20, 30, 50c.	1.00
Costa Rica 1901, 2 colon	.75
Ecuador 1886, Official 20c*	1.25
Soudan 1898, 2pi, 5pi	.70
Marianna Islands 1900, 3pf*	.60
Greece 1906, 2dr Olympic Games	.60
Japan 1906, War 11, 3s	.75
Portuguese India, No. 309*	.75
Panama 1903, 50c	1.00
Honduras 1913, 10c brown, No. 307*	?
1913, 20c brown, No. 308*	?
Venezuela 1900, 3b	1.10
U. S. Parcel Post Due 25c green	.75
Dominican Republic 1911, 50c*	.75
Salvador 1887, 3c*	1.00
1910, Official (complete)*	1.02
Br. Guiana 105, 72c fine rubber can.	1.50
Transvaal 1893, 21p on 1sh*	.75
Abyssinia 1905, No. 54* (unique)	.60
Panama Nos. 181 to 184*	.93
Nicaragua 1898, 10c purple* original.	2.50
Perak 1896, Official 5c*	1.00
Japan 1908, 5, 10y fine	.45

Honduras 1911, 50c brown No. 291*	?
1913, 20 on 50c No. 298*	?
1913, 50c rose No. 309*	?
Leeward Island 1897, Sexagenary 21p*	1.00
Australian Commonwealth, 2sh Kangaroo	?
Newfoundland 1911, Guy 6c lith.	.50
Mexico 1914, 1p, No. 410*	?
Given with an order of \$5.00 or more.	
Costa Rica 1902, 1, 2, 5, 10 colons	3.60
British East Africa 1890, 1/2 to 1r*	1.59
Liberia 1909, 1c to 75c complete	1.57
Liberia 1909, O. S., 1c-75c complete	1.57
Argentine Rep. 1914, 5, 10, 20 pesos (Perf. Letters)	?
Dominican Republic 1906, 50c*	1.25
1911, 1p*	1.50
Ecuador 1895, 1s claret* O. K.	3.00
Venezuela 1903, 50c red, No. 184*	2.00
Nicaragua 1904, 20c, No. 445	2.00
U. S. Parcel Post \$1.00	1.00
Samoa 1899 complete*	1.88
Given with an order of \$10.00 or more.	
Transvaal 1904, 51	3.50
1895, 5sh slate*	7.50
Transvaal 1895, 10sh brown*	7.50
Nicaragua 1905, Nos. 526-532* no No. 529	7.75

DESIRABLE STAMPS
Selected from our stock and which are not usually offered. Missing in the usual average collection.

Abyssinia No. 55, or 56*	\$5.00	\$2.75
1909, 2g blue	.20	.08
Arg. Rep. 1909, 5.10.20p perf. letter can.	.75	.05
1910, 5.10.20p perf. letter can.	.75	.05
Arg. Rep. 1910, 20c brn. & bl.	.18	.07
1910, 50c red & black	.50	.22
Arg. Rep. 1912, 5.10.20p perf. letter can.	1.10	.10
1912, 20c peso perf. letter can.	.55	.05
Aust. Comm. 1913, 1sh green.	.15	.05
1915, 5sh yell. & bl.	.05	.05
Congo 1894, 25c*, 50c*	.45	.22
1908, 10frs, No. 41	1.35	.04
1895, 10c*	.10	.04
Congo 1910, 25c blue & blk.	.12	.05
1907, 20, 25, 50c*	.95	.38
Costa Rica 1901, 2col*	3.00	1.35
1909, 20c brn. Jub.	.75	.35
50c* grn. Jub.	1.25	.55
1p blue*	2.50	1.20
2p brown*	4.50	2.20
Dom. Rep. 1901, 1p brn. & viol.*	2.00	.69
1902, 1c-50c* Jub.	.35	.15
Dom. Rep. 1906, 50c brn. & blk.*	1.25	.49
1p viol. & blk.*	2.50	.98
Dom. Rep. 1911, 1p viol. & blk.*	1.50	.48
Dutch Indies 1906, 1gld viol.	.15	.07
1908, 1gld, No. 78	.40	.17
Soudan 1898, 2pi bl. & blk.	.20	.09
5pi brn. & grn.	.50	.22
Soudan 1902, 2pi blue & blk.	.20	.09
5pi brn. & grn.	.40	.17
Guatemala 1908, 5c on 5c, No. 77B	5.00	1.75
1908, 5c on 2c, No. 81A	4.00	1.90
Guatemala 1902, 2c red & blk.	.25	.09
1902, 5c red & blk.	1.25	.48
India 1902, Official 1903-8, 1, 2, 4, 8a, 1r fine & o.g.	5.97	2.35
India Nabha Off. 1903, 1, 2, 4, 8a, 1r* superb*	4.50	1.95
Japan 1908, 5y green (fine)	.15	.05
1908, 10y brown (fine)	.30	.13
Japan 1906, 11s blue, No. 108*	.60	.23
1906, 3s red, No. 109	.50	.22
Jap. China 1900, 15, 20, 50s, 1y	.24	.09
4s red*	.25	.09
Netherlands 1909, 5c claret (fine)	.85	.33
1913, 21g violet.	.88	.35
Netherlands 1913, 5g yellow	1.35	.88
1899, 21g lilac	.30	.13
Panama 1892, 1p lake	1.00	.45
1902, 1p lake* No. 82	2.00	.95
Paraguay 1886, 5c blue*	.25	.08
1886, Off. 1c to 20c	28.50	8.95
Peru 1896, 2s claret*	.75	.35
1899, 5s orange red*	2.50	1.30
Peru 1899, Due 5s green No. 263*	3.00	1.40
1899, Off. 1s brown*	1.50	.68
Portugal 1910, 10r No. 179	.20	.08
1912, Ceres 8, 10, 20, 30r	.56	.22
India, Azores, etc. We have a nice line of the Portuguese Col. lower and medium varieties but not enough to offer here.		
Cape Verde 1901, 50r No. 74	.15	.06
1905, 50 on 65r.	.35	.15
Cape Verde 1912, 5.10.20, 25, 50r	.36	.15
13, Nos. 115, 116,		
123, 124, 131, 132	.75	.35
U. S. 1895, 50c orange*	1.75	.85
P. O. Dept. 90c black*	2.50	.98
Denmark 1875, 50 blue & rose*	.60	.27
1913, 50c brn. No. 95	.06	.02
Denmark 1913, 1k brn. No. 96	.10	.04
1912, 5k red, No. 84 f	1.25	.55
Iceland 1876, 20a violet*	No. 13	1.00
1901, 25a blue & brn. No. 31	.50	.22
Iceland 1902, 16a, No. 55	.60	.22
1902, 100a, No. 68*	2.00	.85
Iceland 1907, 2kr brn. & grn. No. 84	2.50	1.25
We have a good stock of early Iceland.		
Norway 1907, 1kr on 2s No. 69	.35	.17
1907, 2kr rose No. 76	.50	.23
Norway 1909, 2kr rose No. 81	.25	.10
1911, 1kr green No. 93	.12	.05
Norway 1911, 13kr blue, No. 94	.40	.17
1914, 20c blue (pict.)	.10	.04
Sweden 1905, 5kr blue	.75	.37
1910, 5kr claret	1.50	.72

The above Scandinavians are good stamps, even though low priced and seldom offered.

BRITISH NORTH AMERICANS.
Just a few offers here. We have most of the others in stock at \$10 each or less at about half catalog. Send want list.

Canada 1897, Jub. 5c blue*	.25	.10
1897, Jub. 6c brown*	1.00	.45
Canada 1897, Jub. 8c dk. vio.*	.50	.22
1912, 50c brn. (fine)	1.50	.06
Newfoundland 1871, 1c br. lilac	2.50	1.20
1805, 5c pale bl.*	2.00	.78
Newfoundland 1907, 1kr on 2s No. 69	.35	.17
1907, 2kr rose No. 76	.50	.23
Norway 1909, 2kr rose No. 81	.25	.10
1911, 1kr green No. 93	.12	.05
Norway 1911, 13kr blue, No. 94	.40	.17
1914, 20c blue (pict.)	.10	.04
Sweden 1905, 5kr blue	.75	.37
1910, 5kr claret	1.50	.72

Newfoundland 1907, Cabot 4c*	.15	.07
Newfoundland 1907, Cab. 10c br.	.15	.07
1911, 6c No. 98	.50	.23

HONDURAS.		
1911, 2c green, No. 139	\$3.00	\$1.45
5c, No. 287*	.15	.05
10c, No. 289*	.18	.05
50c, No. 291*	.65	.18
1913, 20 on 50c*, No. 298	.48	.15
5c, No. 303*	.15	.05
6c, No. 305*	.15	.05
10c, No. 307*	.18	.05
20c, No. 308*	.30	.10
50c, No. 309*	.68	.22
1916, 1, 5, 10c* Off.	.22	.08
Roumania 1903, 50b Jub. No. 161	.50	.22
1906, Nos. 184, 185*	.30	.13
Roumania 1891, Jub. 11b, No. 112	.35	.17
1906, 25b grn. & blk.	.15	.05
Salvador 1896, 15 on 24c*	2.00	.78
1896, 13 on 30c rose*	.30	.13
Salvador 1910, 1c to 100c*	.99	.33
1913, 1, 2, 5, 6, 12c.	.08	.03
Salvador 1914, 25c purple & br.	.20	.07
1912, 20c or. & slate	.20	.07
Salvador Due 1900, Nos. 546-548*	4.00	1.58
Off. 1905, 1c-100c*	5.48	1.38
Salvador Off. Nos. 801-808*	.95	.37
1910, Off. 2c to 100c*	1.03	.37
Salvador 1887, 2sh 6d red violet*	1.00	.38
1892, 21p rose*	.12	.05
Salvador 1895, 11 on 2p*	.15	.06
1896, 21p black*	.20	.07
Salvador 1899, 2p to 1sh*	1.05	.42
1899, 2sh 6p red violet*	.75	.29
San Marino 1892, 30c yellow*	.25	.11
1892, 40, 65c*	.60	.28
Servia 1905, 1p to 5d A good set in fine shape	1.57	.73
Siam 1906, 1t blue & orange.	.25	.11
1908, 4 on 5a, No. 92	.15	.07
Siam 1909, 6s on 6a No. 107	.15	.07
1909, 3s on 3a No. 111*	.50	.22
Siam 1910, 2, 3, 6, 12, 14s.	.21	.09
1912, 2, 3, 6s	.10	.04
Siam 1914, Nos. 138, 139	.10	.04
1914, No. 140	.08	.03
Thibet 1913, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6a* A scarce little set	1.70	.78
Transvaal 1887, 2sh 6d yellow*	2.50	1.10
1887, 5sh blue*	3.25	1.55
Transvaal 1895, 5sh or 10sh*	7.50	2.75
1904, 20sh King	3.50	1.65
Uruguay 1910, Jub. 2c red, 5c bl.		
Nos. 182, 183, 20 good stamps	.30	.14
Uruguay 1906, 50c rose	.50	.22
1911, 2 on 7c, No. 197*	2.00	.72
10b, No. 150	1.20	.50
Venezuela 20b, No. 151	1.50	.60
Venezuela 50c, No. 184*	2.00	.72
10c, No. 188*	3.50	1.60
Venezuela 50c, No. 191*	.42	.18
1904, 3, 10, 20 bolivars*	3.75	1.65

A FEW SCARCE THINGS

U. S. 1877, 10c green*, superb mint block of six, finely centered, full O. G.	17.50
U. S. 1877, 10c green*, finely centered, full O. G. block of twelve (12). Nice piece	37.50
Samoa G.R.I. Superb used block of 16 on piece of cover, 6p on 50pf. A fine piece.	35.00
Samoa G.R.I. Superb used block of 9, 21/2 on 20pf. Fine piece.	13.50
Samoa G.R.I. Superb used block of 4, 1p on 10pf. Nice block.	12.00
Marshall Is. 1914, 1p on 2p on 10pf*. One of the G.R.I. rarities No. 43*	37.50
New Britain 1914, P.S., 1 on 5pf, No. 202*	2.60
G.R.I. War Stamps We can submit a few nice varieties on approval but our supply is about gone.	
Bolivia 1866, 50c blue*, fine unused copies.	25.00
Canada 1859, 5c ribbed paper, O.K. and a fine copy.	20.00
Ecuador 1897, Nos. 651b to 653d* same inverted sur.	20.50
Greece 1913, 10pa Mytilene No. 590*, scarce stamp.	8.00
Guatemala Nos. 77e, 77b, 82c, 82b, 88b, 108b*, \$1.90 each	1.90
Hungary 1871, 3k, wonderful used copy, could not be finer.	12.50
U.S. 1871, 2c brown with marginal or roller grill, a rare item.	17.50
U.S. 1869, 15c blue & brown with strong double grill, scarce	13.50
Elobey, An bon 1908, 25 on 10c, No. 58*, rare stamp.	7.50
Spanish Guinea 1908 f on 10c, No. 79 Y & T, \$100, a rarity,	39.50

This will probably be the last time we shall make this offer to WEEKLY readers this season. This offer is made to get in touch with new customers and without any premium offer you are getting full money value. Our prices are the same as if no advertisement well worth your careful attention.

MEXICO.

A few offers in recent issues. All guaranteed O. K.		
1910, 5p red & black*	3.75	1.35
1914, 10, 20, 50c, 1p, Nos. 351-354*	1.52	.68
Nos. 366 to 369*	2.10	.88
1p, No. 371*	1.75	.68
5p, No. 372* rarity	7.50	.09
Nos. 373-379 rare*	9.50	.09
50c, No. 409*	.35	.10
1914, 1p No. 410*		.20
1915, 50c* (Should be No. 420*)		.32
1p* (Should be No. 421)		.68
1916, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10c* rouletted		.09
1, 2, 3, 5, 10c* perf.		.09
40c blue (Map)*		.10
1p (Building)*		.20

COLLECTIONS BY COUNTRIES.

Splendid value. Every packet will catalog more than twice to four times the price asked. Many are really fine little collections and are much cheaper than you can buy for, when purchased singly anywhere. No two stamps alike in a packet. Satisfaction guaranteed or money back.

Cat. Price.	Ours	Cat. Price.	Ours
25 Abyssinia	\$6.00	30 Peru	\$1.65 \$.48
65 Argentine Republic	3.50	20 Azores (20th only)	1.00 .45
70 Austria	1.40	35 Cape Verde (fine lot)	2.10 .88
15 Austrian Turkey	1.00	200 Salvador (19th & 20th)	14.50 3.98
25 Belgium Parcel Post	1.20	18 Samoa (all unused)	4.80 1.48
25 Bosnia	1.00	20 Siam	1.20 .48
45 Chile	1.35	75 Venezuela (fine lot)	6.00 1.75
40 China	2.00	100 French Colonials	3.50 1.38
20 Antioquia	1.50	25 Newfoundland	3.40 1.28
25 Bolivar (Col. Rep.) 1879-85*	4.25	55 Canada	2.60 .98
35 Costarica (all 20th)	6.00	30 New Zealand	1.50 .48
35 Costa Rica	1.65	100 Cuba	5.00 1.38
50 Dominican Rep. (nice)	3.35	50 Philippines	3.00 .98
50 Ecuador	2.80	75 Porto Rico	4.50 1.10
150 Ecuador (fine collection)	15.50	10 Canal Zone	.30
40 Guatemala	2.05	40 Colombian Republic	2.00 .65
50 Honduras	1.90	40 Dutch Indies	2.00 .75
20 Japanese China	1.20	75 Persia	5.00 1.68
10 Japanese Corea	1.90	24 Roumania Jubilee (fine)	2.00 .72
25 Liberia (20th only)	4.00	150 Portuguese Col. (fine lot)	10.00 3.75
120 Nicaragua (20th only) fine.	10.00	15 Portuguese India	.32
20 Nicaragua (19th only)	8.00	18 Nyassa (camels and giraffes)	1.10 .42
20 Panama Republic	2.30	25 Straits Settlements	.38
35 Paraguay	2.00		

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POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE CANAL ZONE.

By WILLIAM EVANS.

CHAPTER I.—Early History of Panama.

The great discoverer, Christopher Columbus, made his last voyage in 1502. It was then that he sailed into the lagoon of Chiriqui, and established a colony at Belen, which was the first settlement of Panama. This colony did not thrive and was abandoned in a short time. Nicuesa fared better when eight years afterward he formed a settlement at Portobello, as his venture became permanent. On Sept. 26, 1513, Balboa first reached the Pacific Ocean. The next year, Pedro Arias de Avilla, lured on by reports of the vast wealth of the country, which was then known as Castilla de Oro, settled at Panama, and removed the seat of government to that city. This city flourished until 1671, when it was sacked by Morgan and his buccaneers, who after three weeks of murder and rapine, carried off six hundred of its inhabitants as prisoners, and left behind a mass of ruins. Villacorta founded a new city in 1673, where the present city now stands, which is six or seven miles from the site of the first Panama.

A Presidency was created by the Spanish Monarch for the government of the colony of New Granada, which included the territory now known as the United States of Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, and Panama. Spain continued to rule this territory until 1811, when a revolution broke out, and after thirteen years of war, the revolutionists succeeded in establishing a Republic. Venezuela withdrew from the Republic in 1829, and Ecuador followed the next year, and each established a separate government. The remainder continued as one State until 1903 when Panama also withdrew and set up a government of its own.

Soon after the discovery of Panama the building of a canal across the Isthmus was proposed by Angel Saavedra. This was in 1520. A number of surveys were made with this object in view. But until 1881, when the French "Company of the Inter-Oceanic Canal of Panama" actually began the work, no one attempted anything practical. And even this company did little more than begin the work, though for over twenty years it was nominally laboring at the Canal. It finally collapsed and failed and negotiations were soon opened by the United States which have resulted in the successful completion of the Canal.

CHAPTER II.—The Canal Zone.

A strip of territory ten miles wide across the Isthmus of Panama was ceded to the United States for this purpose. This is known as the Canal Zone, and the seventeen Post Offices located in it are operated by that Government. These are located at Ancon, Cristobal, Culebra, Empire, Pedro Miguel, La Boca, Gatun, Paraiso, Bas Obispo, Bohio, Corozal, Gorgona, Las Cascadas, Miraflores, Matachin, San Pablo, and Taberuilla.

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The administration building at Ancon is somewhat more than a mile from the Post Office, and a clerk in this building is deputized by the Director of Posts to sell stamps to those who work there, as a matter of convenience to them.

The stamps issued for use in the Canal Zone have presented to the philatelic world many minor varieties, and have created widespread interest. Many of the issues have been complicated, and much study has been expended upon their classification. A number of the varieties are of extreme rarity and a few of them unique. In spite of the numerous minor varieties which exist, it is generally conceded that all are legitimate, and not of the speculative character which taints the issues of a number of countries. All the evidence obtainable indicates that they were issued to meet actual needs. In some instances errors were discovered and removed from the sheets and destroyed, and they have always been hard to obtain.

The first study of these issues was made by Mr. Geo. L. Toppan, and his classification of the various issues and varieties is the most feasible one yet presented, and is the basis of the one followed here. This does not classify them in chronological order. An attempt to do this would produce the greatest confusion, and make the task of arrangement much harder to understand, and is therefore not at all advisable.

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When the Republic of Panama estab-
lished itself as a separate nation in the
world family, it became necessary that
it should have stamps of its own, and it
proceeded to have them via the sur-
charge route. There were in its pos-
session plenty of the Colombian stamps
issued for the State of Panama, and
these were used for the new country.
Some of them, after having been sur-
charged, were used for the Canal Zone,
and it is necessary for the student of
the stamps of the latter to have some
knowledge of these Panama stamps, be-
fore he can thoroughly understand his
subject. There were a number of Pana-
ma surcharges, but only those used in
the Canal Zone need to be described
here, and the others are of no interest
in this connection, and consequently no
mention of them will be made.

The work of surcharging was done in
a local printing plant, and the result is
not as perfect as the work of some of
our Bank Note Companies. There was
apparently insufficient type on hand to
do the work as it should have been done,
and the indications are that it was
hurried.

The surcharge consists of a bar across
the top of the stamp and the word
"PANAMA" at each side. The bar
was intended to obliterate the word
"COLOMBIA" and it did its work,
when the stamps were properly placed in
the press, and a sufficient amount of ink
was used. This, however, did not al-
ways happen and the word can be plain-
ly read in many instances.

What are known as the third and
fourth Panama surcharges are the ones
found on Canal Zone stamps and a de-
scription of them will make the study of
these clearer.

The third Panama surcharge was set
up to print fifty stamps. It is found in
two arrangements, but as one of these
has never been found on Canal Zone
stamps it is unnecessary to describe it.
The one found in connection with the
stamps of the Canal Zone was set up to
cover ten horizontal rows and five ver-
tical rows of stamps. The word
"PANAMA" which is 13 mm. long is
on both sides of the stamp and reads in
the same direction. Only two values bear-
ing this surcharge were used in the Canal
Zone, namely the two cents rose and the
fifty centavos brown. The surcharge
was printed differently on these two
values. On the two cents rose it was
first printed on the upper half of the
sheet, which was then removed from the
press, turned upside down, and then re-
placed in the press and the bottom half
printed. Certain errors in the sur-
charge indicate this. The first stamp in
the sheet has the word "PANAMA"
reading up on one side and down on the
other side, instead of both reading in
the same direction. This error also oc-
curs on the one hundredth stamp of the
sheet. This word on the upper half of
the balance of the sheet reads upward
while on the lower half it reads down-
ward. Other errors also are found
which prove the same thing, being al-
ways found on complementary stamps.

The fifty centavos stamp was sur-
charged differently. The upper half of
the sheet was printed in the same man-
ner as above, but the lower half instead
of being reversed, was simply pushed
forward on the bed of the press until it
was in the proper position and the sur-
charge printed on the lower half sheet.
Therefore the first and fifty-first stamps
are complementary ones, and show the
word "PANAMA" reading upward on
one side and downward on the other
side, and all the other stamps of the
sheet show it reading upward.

This surcharge was very plentifully
supplied with errors. So much so that
it is possible to locate most of the
stamps in the half sheet even when they
are single specimens, and plating it is
comparatively easy with the aid of some
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The fourth Panama surcharge differs
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those of the former surcharge and it is
15 mm. long. On part of the sheets the
bar at the top is 2 mm. wide, while on
others it is 2½ mm. It was set up to
cover five horizontal rows and ten ver-
tical rows, and was printed first on the
left half of the sheet, and afterward on
the right half. The first and sixth
stamps are therefore the complementary
ones in this surcharge, and in each hor-
izontal row the first five and the last five
stamps are complementary.

The errors which occur in these two
Panama surcharges will be better under-
stood if described in connection with
the stamps of the Canal Zone upon
which they are found. Those of the
fourth Panama surcharge differ some-
what and it is quite likely that there
were several printings of this surcharge
and that some of the errors were dis-
covered and corrected. The shade of
ink also varies and this indicates that
the printing was probably not all done
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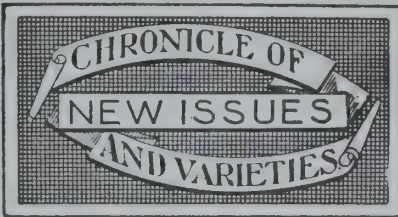
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UNITED STATES.—The Sterling Stamp Co. has shown us specimens of the new 2c envelope printed on white, amber, blue and oriental buff, and also calls attention to a variety of the same, with the "P" and "O" of "Postage" joined. This occurs on early prints showing the head sharply embossed and the hair clearly marked.

The Sterling Stamp Co. also shows us the new shade of the 12c stamp.

F. L. Greenough calls attention to the fact that the new 12c is printed with an ink that shows red on the back, like the 2c and 3c stamps previously mentioned.

Scott's Circular notes the issue of the current 3c in the new rotary coils, like the 4c noted in No. 1318. These are perforated 10 vertically, are printed in a lighter and duller shade than those printed on the ordinary presses, and the stamps are slightly wider.

Scott's Circular calls attention to the fact that new 2c is the first envelope stamp to have the value expressed in figures only, all previous designs having had the value in words or words and figures.

CANADA.—Mrs. E. W. Oughtred sends us one of the booklets of Inland Revenue War Tax stamps, the 1c orange. There are four blocks of six stamps and the cover has a suitable inscription printed in orange. The twenty-four stamps sell for 25c. We are also advised that the 2c value has appeared in the same form.

ECUADOR.—Whitfield King & Co.'s Monthly List gives a translation of a decree published in the Ecuadorean newspapers:

"Decree of 30th June:—Art. I. The current issue of Postage Stamps consists of the following:—

- (a) 1 centavo, red and black, with bust of Roca.
- (b) 2 centavos, blue and black, with bust of Noboa.
- (c) 3 centavos, yellow and black, with bust of Robles.
- (d) 5 centavos, red and black, with bust of Urbina.
- (e) 10 centavos, blue and black, with bust of Garcia Moreno.
- (f) 20 centavos, green and black, with bust of Carrion.
- (g) 50 centavos, purple and black, with bust of Espinosa.
- (h) 1 sucre, green and black, with bust of Borrero.

Art. II. The issue in reserve is composed of the following:

- (1) 1 centavo, yellow, with bust of Roca.
- (2) 2 centavos, green, with bust of Noboa.
- (3) 3 centavos, black, with bust of Robles.
- (4) 4 centavos, red and black, with bust of Valdez.
- (5) 5 centavos, purple, with bust of Urbina.
- (6) 10 centavos, blue, with bust of Garcia Moreno.

Art. III. Accordingly as the stocks of stamps "a" to "e" become exhausted they shall be replaced by the corresponding values as per Art. II, except those of the fourth class (4 cts. Valdez), which

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- (8) 50 centavos, blue and black, with bust of Carbo or Espinosa.
- (9) 1 sucre, deep yellow, with bust of Borrero.

Of these lists the 20c of the first group has not yet been issued and only the 3, 4 and 5c of the second group.

GERMANY.—*Warsaw.*—A. C. Roessler is informed that the stamps issued by the Citizen's Committee of Warsaw cannot be imported into Germany now, according to the latest ruling from Berlin. The German "Polen" stamps will be used in their stead, with overprint, "Gouvernement Warchau." A new post card, double and reply was issued with above overprint on Feb. 24.

MEXICO.—The Mexican newspapers have printed a list of the engraved stamps now in preparation, which shows that the current lithographed series is not to be followed in the new set. The portraits will honor the memory of the heroes of the Revolution. The designs are to be engraved on steel by the artist engraver, Fernando Fernandez of the Stamp Printing Office. The values, designs and colors are to be:

- 1c, National Arms, violet.
- 2c, portrait of Dr. Belisario Dominguez, green.
- 3c, portrait of Lic. J. M. Pino Suarez, brown.
- 4c, portrait of Genl. Maclovio Herrera, red.
- 5c, portrait of Genl. Jesus Carranza, yellow.
- 10c, portrait of Francisco I. Madero, blue.
- 20c, portrait of Genl. Ildefonso Vasquez, olive green.
- 30c, portrait of Aquiles Serdan, sepia.
- 40c, map of the Mexican Republic, pale blue.
- 1p, lighthouse at Vera Cruz, sepia and black.
- 5p, Post Office at Mexico City, rose and blue.

The stamps of 40c and 1p are now in use and the 5p will shortly be issued. The other values will not be put in circulation until the Universal Postal Union has been notified and a sufficient quantity has been printed to supply all post offices, so that the stamps may be put in general use on the same day and all previous issues retired.

SERBIA.—Stanley R. Massman reports being informed by a correspondent abroad that the current Bosnia stamps (Feldpost?) have been overprinted "Serbien" for use in that country.

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The meaning of the different figures used in the "Quarter Centennial" issue of the WEEKLY of Jan. 8th, 1916, may be briefly and generally defined as follows: Palm—Originally a symbol of victory or rejoicing; evidence of superiority, a token of success or triumph.

Scroll—Ancient form of volume or book. Ship—Sailing on even keel shows stability.

Ornament—Tee-totum, even sided figure and therefore well balanced.

Greek Anthemion—Grace or freedom expressed by its curves; no license since there is obvious self-restraint or respect for law in every part.

Swastika—Emblematic of good luck.

U. P. U.—Universal Postal Union speaks for itself and whose stamps are represented by MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS.

Crescent—Increasing or growing.

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Star—To be brilliant, or prominent to shine as a star.

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Circles—Never ending influence.

All of the emblems are on a buckler or shield,—defence.

Yours very truly,
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THE CHARM OF STAMP COLLECTING.

We cannot give this week a detailed study of the various entries in our essay contest on "The Charm of Stamp Collecting." Mr. Severn, who judged the entries, has made the following awards: Prize of \$5 as offered to

M. Williams, Cambridge, Mass.

Consolation prizes of any three books published by the WEEKLY to:

L. B. Ferguson, New Rochelle, N. Y.
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C. M. Breder, Newark, N. J.

In addition to the above prize winners honorable mention is made of the following and their entries will be published in the WEEKLY in due season:

R. V. Seaman, Washingtonville, N. Y.
Mrs. J. A. Wells, Bergen, N. Y.
Tom Freeman, Ada, O.
Mrs. F. R. Flower, Troy, N. Y.
Margaret H. Seaman, Craigville, N. Y.

This contest was a very successful one and we are very grateful to our subscribers for their co-operation. The entry securing first honors is published elsewhere in this number.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322 Tremont Bldg., 8.15 P. M.

Boston, April 3, 1916.

The 354th (regular) meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society, Inc., was held on Tuesday evening, March 14th, Pres. Carpenter presiding. The regular business was transacted, Mr. Chas. O. Hurd being admitted to membership. The President urged those present to join the A. P. S. which society is to hold its convention here in August. Announcement was made of a contest for the April meeting, the first prize for which is a silver medal offered by Mr. E. F. Sawyer. Exhibits for this contest will consist of the stamps of any one country which has issued 40 or more major varieties, the lack of any stamp of \$2.50 face value or more not to count against a contestant when judging completeness. Completeness will count 40%, condition, 40% and arrangement and neatness, 20%. In case there are 5 entries a second and third prize will be awarded, these to consist of ribbons. By giving this early notice the secretary hopes to receive entries from some of our non-resident members. I regret to have to report the dropping from membership of Nos. 424, 514, 520, 589 & 591 for non-payment of dues. The entertainment for the evening was one of the most interesting and

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*1907, Costa Rica, No. 66 .25
*1915, Germ. Russia, 3, 5, 10, 20, 40 .30
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instructive that we have had for some time. The two gentlemen who favored us were not alone possessors of fine stamps with which to illustrate their remarks but also showed keen knowledge and intense interest in the stamps which they exhibited. Mr. W. F. Sprague who is recognized as an authority on the U. S. stamps of 1861-1868 talked of these while the 40 members present looked over his 5 volumes of the stamps. A strip of 7 1c 1861, grided, block of 8 of same; single, double and triple shifts of 2c black 1862; 3c scarlet; 3c grided all over, on original, etc., were a few of the interesting things shown.

Mr. H. H. Wilson who was one of the first to collect proofs and essays showed his magnificent collection of these during the evening. They were contained in 3 volumes; volume I showing reconstructed sheet of 9 5c New York (Reprint Plate), Die proofs of same in 6 colors, blocks of 4 of 1851 issue and August 1861 issue, strips with margins showing imprint and plate number of all values of 1870, etc., volume II contained essays and volume III, revenue proofs, among which were some rare "built up" essays, essays of 1869 and 1871 issue, a proof of the \$5000 second issue, etc. A vote of thanks was given to the gentlemen for their kindness and the meeting adjourned at 10.30 p. m. Mr. Sprague has since manifested his interest in the Society Collection by sending us some very fine copies of U. S. stamps for same.

F. W. STILES, Sec.

The President has appointed the following committees:

Informal Meetings—A. P. Brown, F. W. Stiles, J. O. Wright.

Reception—Oscar Hill, W. C. Polk, A. W. Batchelder.

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NOTICE! There will be an auction at the Informal meeting on April 4.

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THE CHARM OF STAMP COLLECTING.

By M. WILLIAMS.

(This is the entry in our contest that secured first honors. Other meritorious entries will be published week by week. We regret that lack of space prevents the publication of more entries in this issue.—Ed.)

It was the usual group in the smoky haze of the dealer's back office. On the table lay a perfect specimen of the Providence, Rhode Island, local.

"That," said the dealer, "is as safe to buy as a government bond."

"But is in more danger from fire—in one's collection," I replied.

"Perhaps, but it ought to be kept in your safe along with your bonds,—that is, if you have any, after you begin to collect stamps!"

"My stamp books," said Thompson, who is a small man of a deceitful mildness, "are kept in a desk drawer on the first floor of my house, and I have instructed my wife in case of fire to get our child out first and to throw the stamps out after him. I believe," he hesitated, "I'd forgive her if she threw the stamps out first!"

As the laugh subsided, I asked, "What is the charm about it—why do these 'scraps of paper' get us so? As a business, it's a business, like any other, and I have known men and boys who cared for the money side of it, and of course one takes a perfectly proper satisfaction in seeing one's collection go up in value, but after all, it isn't the financial part that holds most of us—is it?"

"No," they chorused.

"It is the gambler's instinct," averred the doctor, "the ever present chance of getting something precious for nothing, of finding a treasure in the garret or in 'a thousand for twenty-five cents' mixture. Any dealer will tell you that men with big collections buy cheap packets just to satisfy the gambling appetite. It is a mild form of speculation that hasn't any 'morning after' effects. I confess since I became what the ads call 'a serious collector' I've missed the thrills of the mixtures a lot."

"It is something higher than that," declared young Parsons, who lives only for precancels, "it is the joy of seeking for completeness, of striving for perfect sets. Of course completeness in any line is practically impossible so one is always following after—that's the charm—" his voice trailed off for his eye had caught the glint of a precancel in the wastebasket.

"To me," said Adams, who collects nothing but used blocks, "it is acquiring something hard to get—something you must plan and scheme and save for. Now I was three years searching for my cover with the block of black queens—and I get up nights to gloat over it!"

"Consider the historical interest," cried Mason, "Why you can read all modern history in stamps—changes of dynasty, battles, heroes, statesmen. Now for example, take my war collection—" But the room was in an uproar for since September, 1914, we have borne much from Mason. When he had been finally shut off, I asked, "How about the boys? Why does almost every boy collect stamps as naturally as he plays Indian?"

Their answers were various—"the collecting instinct, the fun of swapping, the fascination of the stamps themselves with their birds and beasts and ships, the touch of strangeness in the foreign stamps, an embryonic business sense, rivalry with friends."

"Rivalry," cried the doctor. "The boys have no monopoly of that. Competition is two-thirds of the whole thing."

"No, no," begged Thompson, "call it appreciative sympathy. That sounds better and is truer. We're not such a base lot as you'd make out, doctor!"

"Base! We are the salt of the earth! But we are human and we like to be a little bit ahead of the other fellow. As a general thing the boys have the disease pretty normally but with adults it goes hard and we ought to be forgiven our peculiarities. My boy has a typical case and I began by helping him. Thought it would keep him home nights and teach him history and geography—and it

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Prize Entry No. 2—By L. B. FERGUSON.

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First there is the always present fascination of collecting anything—filling in the gaps—and in this case the innumerable number of stamps makes it almost always possible to find one at least desired—one in any bunch to reward one's search.

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However, when on a summer morning one can with a clear conscience feel free to take the time and with all one's stamp paraphernalia on a screened porch where one knows a passing breeze can do no damage and with one's side partner in stamps to assist in sorting out and placing in collection a traders some bunch of stamps or better still breaking up some small collection, what more charming way to spend an all too quickly ended morning!

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SECOND REBUS CONTEST.

The interest in our second rebus contest based on the design of the cover of the special issue of February 26th, transcended that shown in the January contest. Previously, we thought that the high-water mark of enthusiasm had been registered and consequently, we were staggered by the wave of entries that rolled in. Over ninety contributions were examined; and the number of correct answers was unexpectedly large. Either our readers are becoming more acute with practice or the artist whose creation was studied did not wish to make his puzzle too involved; or perhaps, both considerations entered into the successful result. Practically all of those who engaged in the competition made a creditable showing and as before, the cleverness that marked many of the answers was astonishing. The pains that certain of the entrants took to make their work distinctive were almost beyond belief and we can readily understand that the solution of the cover problem was a labor of love with a majority of those who made the contest the great success that it was.

While the work of a dozen or more of the contributors calls for especial mention, we shall concentrate our attention on Mr. Oettinger's production, which was given first prize. Mr. Oettinger's answers were in an elaborate, extra-illustrated booklet of nearly thirty pages, bound in a heavy paper cover. The conception was most artistic and the work on the book merited all encomiums. Each page showed first a printed picture of the stamp; then an enlargement of the salient part of the design was beautifully reproduced by some wonderful process. The entablature, borders, etc., made the book a veritable joy forever.

There was no particular stumbling-block encountered by the solvers. In fact, a few of the workers included an item or two that was not in the list; and here the following official answers from Mr. Birdseye, the artist, should have place. We quote: "The star typifying MEKEEL'S as standing alone and above all other publications of like character; the boy and the cornucopia, the New Year showering plenty and peace on the World below, represented by the map; the locomotive and steamship, method of transportation; the pillars are typical of the strength of MEKEEL'S, having for their foundation the good will of nations, represented by the stamps beneath; the fleur-de-lis shows purity, uprightness; winged stamps, progressiveness; shields, protection.

Parts of the following stamps were used:—heading and upper sides, Antigua A3; star, Liberia A49; locomotive, Ecuador A55; boy and cornucopia, Uruguay A79; steamship, Cuba A23; map, Canada A33; frame for map and figure, St. Helena 1906-1912; coats of arms, each side, Italy commemorative A4; and Finland A6; pillars and base, Venezuela A38; fleur-de-lis, Spain A46; from left to right Persia A1, Spain special delivery SD1, Montenegro postage due D3, Belgium postal packet PP4, Belgium letter stamp A35; centre, Denmark A10; bottom line, Bremen A2, Portuguese India A17, New South Wales A37, Prussia A7, Portugal A54 and San Marino A12; twenty-three in all."

The five prizes are awarded as follows:

First: A Popular Blank Album donated by the Nassau Stamp Co., J. A. Oettinger, 10332 Kempton Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Second: Any five books published by the Mekeel-Severn-Wylie Co., Oscar Beck, 811 Borthwick St., Portland, Ore.

Third: Transvaal, '93, 1/2p on 2p block of four with two of variety "b", C. M. Breder, 15 Humboldt St., Newark, New Jersey.

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The following contestants submitted entries of so impressive a character that it has been thought advisable to classify them under Honorable Mention:

William J. Bates, 38 Pierson St., Beverly, Mass.
Max Borowsky, 1493 Commonwealth Ave., Bronx, New York City.
Leroy C. Brown, 407 Center St., Olean, New York.
Mrs. R. H. Mason, 14 Greenleaf Ave., Medford, Mass.
O. M. Polster, 106 S. First St., St. Louis, Mo.

Each of those receiving honorable mention are entitled to three books from the list of Mekeel-Severn-Wylie Company's publications.

On the following roll, there are the names of over thirty readers who ascribed the details of the designs to their countries correctly; and a great many of the contributions under ordinary circumstances would have been nominated for high preference.

Howard Algeo, M. H. Allen, Amelia Blydenburgh, Gerald A. Burgers, Philip A. Cann, George D. Chase, Frank C. Clark, Frank V. Cooney, A. Gorham Davis, Virginia Eddy, L. B. Gatchell, S. Joy Grierson, Geo. N. Hargraff, Geo. G. Hoffman, H. Klosterman, D. E. Lantz, Jos. A. Loss, L. O. Lynch, A. M. Mathieson, E. P. Morehouse, J. C. Mullikin, A. Ocenasek, Elizabeth Olney, Edward Z. Reed, John T. Sherman, Mrs. Florence L. Smith, Carl O. Swaney, D. Termohlen, Raymond E. Van Buskirk, Geo. Williams, M. and F. Williams.

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WASHINGTON, April 8.—Frank G. Farnham's suit to collect \$1,000,000 from the government on a patent he claims on the little wax leaved books in which postage stamps are sold, was dismissed today by the supreme court which affirmed a like action by the court of claims. The high court, however, limited its decision to a point of an "implied contract," leaving Farnham free to bring other suits if he chooses.

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—The Detroit Collectors Philatelic Society observed its second anniversary recently at the Hotel St. Clair. H. D. Hubel submits the cover in which his invitation was mailed. Sent out from Windsor, Ont., it bore the postmark "Mar. 4, 3.30 P. M." and at Detroit received an exactly similar time marking.

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—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from J. Rausch (2), Herman W. Boers, Henry P. Day, G. Reggiani, A. E. Drought, N. N. Cohen, C. M. Breder.

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EDITORIAL.

Soldiers' Mail—Mail that we have seen from the American forces operating in Mexico is sent without stamps but is endorsed, "Soldier's Mail, —, U. S. Army." The postmark shown is that of Columbus, N. Mex., and at the office of delivery, a two cent due stamp is affixed to ordinary letters. No departmental rulings from Washington on the treatment of soldiers' mail from Mexico have been noticed up to this time of writing.

No More—The time is near for the manifestation of interest in the nominations for office for the ensuing fiscal year in the American Philatelic Society. It will be learned with regret that Mr. Wm.

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E. Ault who has served the American Philatelic Society so faithfully and capably for five terms, as secretary declines to accept a further term. It becomes incumbent upon the members to name a worthy successor to Mr. Ault as the position of secretary is one of the utmost importance. In explanation of his decision not to serve again, Mr. Ault writes us that the demands on his time by the work of his office are such that he has been compelled to neglect many personal matters and he feels that he should now be relieved of the work. He says: "I have enjoyed to a certain extent the work involved in the duties of this office and I should not exchange anything for the many personal acquaintances and friendships formed in my term of office."

Last Word—In a report of a recent meeting of the Birmingham, England, Philatelic Society, we find the *Ultima Thule* of fastidiousness in collecting. A member showed an excellent collection of the stamps of many of the British African colonies and the open sesame to inclusion in the collection is indicated in the following words: "In order to be included in this select company a stamp has to be absolutely mint and well centred, and the watermark well centred if this is possible." We do not need to employ the italics of the original report to drive home this extremity of demand. The originator of the well centred front and back school may know that he has discovered something new under the philatelic sun. The idea of a well centred watermark may have been vaguely felt by the specialist heretofore but now it is a consideration that is present in full force, it seems.

Sport—The collector with a "microscopic eye" may have lots of innocent enjoyment with the commonest kind of stamps. For instance, Mr. R. H. Perry of Linton, North Dakota, has been amusing himself by closely examining the details of the design of the two cent Pacific-Panama and as he says, he has found minor varieties that "make him smile." He sends specimens where the white spaces of the lined label with "Cents" falls so as to make the "C" a "G" or Gents. However, Mr. Perry rests his chief claim to enduring philatelic fame on his discovery of a serious omission in some of the stamps that he sends for inspection. It may be said here that because of his connection with a telephone company, Mr. Perry gives keen attention to poles and hence his remarks have the tone of authority. He says that he notices that the third electric light pole on the right outer bank of the canal, counting from the end of stamp at right, is missing on some of the stamps and sure enough, on several of his samples that he submits for examination, not a vestige of the pole is to be seen.

Portraiture—A reader asks why the postal authorities of this country have selected Washington and Franklin as the sole objects of portraiture on the current U. S. issue and, inferentially, why the gallery of the famous Americans of previous issues has been dispensed with. We do not recall any published expressions to account for the change at the time it was made but, conversely, neither was there any general adverse criticism of the step. However, it is known that at different periods in the past, the selection of personages for stamp honor was attended with some embarrassment for the administration. It was not that objection was waged against the choice that was made but indignation was voiced that this or that famous American was omitted from the philatelic hall of fame. We remember the story of the Tennessee citizen who, it is alleged, wrote to the department to propound the serious question of how much it would cost to have his picture on one of the denominations of our stamps. No doubt, it was thought that by reverting to first principles and selecting Washington and Franklin, the solution of something of a problem was happily made, even though it meant, as our correspondent says, "sameness" in the eye of the stamp collector.

What!—A dealer in the "biggest" class when asked for a word of comment on the present conditions of philately as seen by him said impressively: "The price of used two cent Columbians has gone up." Needless to say that the dealer was referring to wholesale quotations, and that he was in earnest. The information is meaningful as the advance in the price of this most common stamp indicates that the market has risen superior to the mass of "undigested securities" in the shape of untold numbers of the Columbian two cent, used. No American stamp was hoarded, we believe, in the quantities that the two cent Columbian was. The novelty of the stamp and the vast amount of advertising that all the Columbian set received lead many non-philatelists to save all the Columbians, including the two cent, that could be secured; and as a matter of course, collectors and near collectors gathered up all values, not forgetting the common two cent. Speculators appeared who systematically combed their cities for all denominations through the subsidizing of janitors, clerks, etc., and the result was that millions of the stamps were available for marketing. The consequences were inevitable. After Europe had been fully supplied, prices broke until a very low level was reached for the two cent at wholesale and for years it remained about as low as it was possible to quote on any stamp. For years the market struggled to gain the upper hand of the vast horde that descended upon it and after years of effort, the market has

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33	2d Dock, CAC	.15	.12
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Halved—Striking examples of split stamps continue to come in the ordinary mail from Honduras and while they probably are not authorized by official decree, yet their validity is tacitly recognized by the Honduras offices. Honduras has been contributing these bisected stamps over a period of years while the halved stamps from other southern republics come only at intervals. Colombian Republic, for instance, yields these curiosities only intermittently but Honduras appears to be a consistent advocate of the split stamp, which retains an interest only when it is on the envelope, it is needless to add.

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"Great Britain: 1865, 9d straw, plate 5, unused and exceedingly fine and of the greatest rarity. This copy is as usual, perforated with the single line machine, and is one of the few copies from the imprimatur sheets so done at Somerset House for inclusion in the sets contained in 'Before and After the Stamp Commission'."

This was the King's gift, and the room was alive with excitement when the lot was reached. There had been much speculation on the figure it would fetch. There was a score of buyers for it at about £100, and in the room some bright spark had organised a shilling sweep, in which the participants estimated prices ranging from £100 to £500.

The stamp was mounted on a card which bears his Majesty's autograph at the foot of the following notice:—"This 9d, plate 5, Great Britain stamp was taken from my collection and given to the National Philatelic War Fund's auction in September, 1915."

The bidding began at £100, then went on by steady advances to £270, and the lot was then knocked down to Stanley Gibbons, Limited, for the record price (for any English stamp) of £280. Charles J. Phillips, who was present representing that firm, then rose, and addressing the auctioneer, asked if the auctioneer would accept the stamp for re-sale. The lot was then sold again. The bidding on the second occasion was started at £200, followed by bids for £210, £240, £245, being knocked down at the last-named figure to Frank Godden, the well-known and enterprising dealer in the Strand.

The lot thus realised £525, and it was held for a moment by the veteran auc-

tioner while a press photograph was taken of the room.

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Another lot was reminiscent of a war charity sale held just sixteen years ago. It was a set of seven Trinidad stamps of the 1891 issue, including the 1/2d, 1d, 2 1/2d, 4d, 6d, 1s and 5s, all surcharged "9d", one of the four sets thus overprinted in commemoration of the visit of H. R. H. the Duke of York (now King George) to the island. The set was originally presented by the then Duke of York to the philatelists' national war fund in connection with the Boer war in 1900, when it was purchased by Mr. Hausburg for £30. It was amongst the gifts to the new fund and was knocked down for £52—a considerable advance on the price paid sixteen years ago.

A copy of the circular 8c green British Guiana, cut round, and a little creased, was cheap enough at £10. The Hawaiian "Missionary" 13c (type 2) fetched £47, a New Zealand 1855 1d dull carmine London print fetched £15; a somewhat clipped copy of the rare 3d on 4d Prussian blue South Australia, 1870-71, perf. 11 1/2, brought £11, and a very fine specialised collection of Victoria was keenly contested from £100 in a series of advances at £5 a time between two Strand dealers, F. Godden and F. B. Smith, being finally acquired by the latter at £135.

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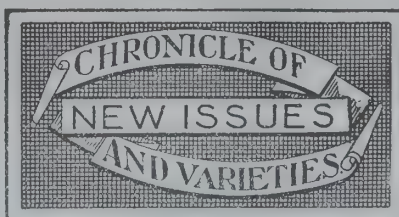
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UNITED STATES.—Since the new design 2c U. S. envelope has made its appearance three recuts of the old dies have been discovered, which for the present have been designated as F, G and H. The first two show the general characteristics of die A while H has the head as in A2.

A careful description of the new emblems, as well as a chronicle of the envelopes found to date, according to J. M. Bartels, is as follows:

Die F.

Front end of bust redrawn similar to Die E, upper point cut off.

ES of STATES and TE widely spaced. O of TWO and C of CENTS oval. CE close.

D of UNITED broad and round.

Chin very prominent.

Die G.

Front end of bust reduced and square,

width 2 m.

Lower line of bust forms a straight line.

Large oval O in TWO and close to W.

OC very widely spaced.

Front contour of hair is nearly a straight

line.

Chin extremely short.

Die H.

Front end of bust still further reduced,

front line irregular and far from inner

oval line.

Point of bust over TS has been cut off

short.

Hair as in A2.

Lower stroke of S of CENTS extended

in a straight line.

NT short.

Denom. Die. Size. Paper. Wmk. Knife.

2c G 5 Blue 19 87

2c G 7 Blue 19 51

2c G 13 Blue 19 89

2c H 13 Blue 19 89

2c H 13 Buff 19 89

2c A 3 Amber 20 92

2c F 5 White 20 87

2c F 14 White 20 93

2c F 14 Amber 20 93

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Capt. Clyde B. Parker reports having

found the 1c ultramarine of 1873, with a

black line printed across the face hori-

zontally. Is this an early precancel?

We have been shown by Nathan Cobe

specimens of the new 2c envelope in

which the letter "C" is missing from the

word CENTS. They were obtained

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BAHAMAS.—O. Kendall has shown a

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Adhesive.

1c greenish gray.

CANADA.—Friedel Hofmann supplements Dr. Perry's note on the differences between the regular 1c postage and 1c War Tax stamps, by calling attention to the fact that the latter were a trifle shorter and narrower than the regular issue.

GILBERT and ELLICE ISLANDS.—Ewen's Weekly reports that the 2d and 2 1/2d King George stamps, which were held in reserve at Ocean Island until the remainders of the Pandanus issue were exhausted, were placed on sale Jan. 14, 1916.

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Hayti, Nos. 181, 182, 183, 184, 198, 202, .03
203, 204, 205, 215, .12
Japan 1914, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 1 yen, .35
Sweden, 1910-15, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, .12
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*1913 Virgin Islands, 1p, .03
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Our subscribers have shown in a tangible manner that they are fond of contests of most any kind. Here is one that will appeal to those of an artistic temperament. We want some cover designs for some of the handbooks we shall issue in coming months.

We want three designs and will pay \$5 for the best sketch submitted in the three divisions as follows:—

- (1) Design for the Canada book by Mr. Poole now running in the WEEKLY.
- (2) Design for a stock plate that will be suitable for any British Colony.
- (3) Design for a stock plate that can be used in connection with U. S. stamps.

In regard to the latter division we may add that we expect to run articles dealing with special perforations, regular revenues (including Match and Medicine) as well as articles dealing with the stamps of Canal Zone and Porto Rico.

This competition will close April 25 and those who wish can compete in all three classes. The drawings if larger than 6x9½ must be made in accordance with this proportion for necessary reduction. There is absolutely no restriction as to size, form or style of sketch and entries will be considered taking but a fraction of the cover page space.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Dues received since last report from Nos. 9, 19, 156, 182 and 209, \$3.50.

Resigned: Chas. Edward Prior, Hartford, Conn.

Change of Address: Edward S. Caum from Washington, D. C., to P. O. Box 79, Honolulu, Hawaii. The Secretary from 1932 Mt. Vernon St., to 609 N. 20th St., same city.

The superintendent of the Sales Department submits the following report: Covers received to date, 126
Number of circuits sent out, 9
Total value of same, \$392.95
Retired six circuits valued at, \$292.77
From which have been sold, \$44.48
Value of circuits still in circulation, 100.16

Two circuits to a sick member, valued at \$59.51, cannot get returns from.

Mr. Heusinger is now in position and anxious to help all of our members in adding to their collections. Write him for circuits. After a long delay and a great deal of correspondence, the secretary is pleased to state that he has secured a person willing to act as our agent in purchasing new issues of postals, letter cards and envelopes. To be announced later. In the meantime he wishes every member of the Postal Card Society of America to address him and state whether or not he will give encouragement to the re-organized department by joining it. To make this department a success we must give a lift by putting our shoulders to the wheel, not only to encourage the new agent, but to also assure the secretary that you appreciate the time and expense that he has been to get the long-idle department in working order again. It will take a great deal of time for me to address each member, individually, so I trust each one will forthwith write me whether he will patronize the department or not. I must have help. A little patronage from each member counts for much when taken all together.

S. M. EDWARDS, Sec.
609 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
March 31st, 1916.

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UNITED STATES POSTAGE AND REVENUE STAMPS.

In offering the following stamps at wholesale, I have departed from the general plan of selling per 10 and per 100. I have done this thinking some dealers would prefer fewer of the higher priced stamps, while any dealer could dispose of 35c worth of the lower priced stamps. I have based my prices on my own stock, and can fill orders on all kinds offered. 3 lots for \$1.00. 16 lots for \$5.00. Terms cash with order. No lots sent on approval. All stamps are in good saleable condition. Money will be refunded on any lot found unsatisfactory. Dates and descriptions are from Scott's latest catalogue. Order by lot number. * Means unused.

UNITED STATES STAMPS.

1	1871, 1c blue, type II or IV	1 for .35
2	1871, 3c red	20 for .35
3	1871, 3c red, on original cover	10 for .35
4	1871, 1c blue, type III	4 for .35
5	1871, 3c rose, type I	3 for .35
6	1871, 3c red, type II	30 for .35
7	1871, 3c red, type II on orig. c.	15 for .35
8	1871, 10c green, type II	1 for .35
9	1871, 1c blue	4 for .35
10	1871, 10c green	3 for .35
11	1871, 12c black	1 for .35
12	1871, 2c black	7 for .35
13	1871, 5c brown	1 for .35
14	1871, 15c black	1 for .35
15	1871, 24c lilac	1 for .35
16	1871, 2c black, 11x13	3 for .35
17	1871, 3c rose, 11x13	10 for .35
18	1871, 10c green, 11x13	1 for .35
19	1871, 12c black, 11x13	1 for .35
20	1871, 1c blue, 9x13	1 for .35
21	1871, 2c black, 9x13	5 for .35
22	1871, 3c rose, 9x13	20 for .35
23	1871, 10c green, 9x13	1 for .35
24	1871, 12c black, 9x13	1 for .35
25	1871, 1c buff	1 for .35
26	1871, 2c brown	4 for .35
27	1871, 3c blue	20 for .35
28	1871, 6c blue	1 for .35
29	1871, 1c ultramarine, grided	2 for .35
30	1871, 2c red brown, grided	3 for .35
31	1871, 3c green, grided	15 for .35
32	1871, 6c carmine, No. 148	5 for .35
33	1871, 1c ultramarine	20 for .35
34	1871, 2c brown	15 for .35
35	1871, 6c pink	10 for .35
36	1871, 7c vermilion	1 for .35
37	1871, 12c violet	1 for .35
38	1871, 2c vermilion	20 for .35
39	1871, 5c blue	10 for .35
40	1871, 1c ultramarine	25 for .35
41	1871, 2c vermilion	100 for .35
42	1871, 5c blue	15 for .35
43	1871, 6c pink	15 for .35
44	1871, 1c brown	25 for .35
45	1871, 1c red orange	5 for .35
46	1871, 5c yellow brown	20 for .35
47	1871, 6c rose	3 for .35
48	1871, 4c blue green	25 for .35
49	1871, 3c vermilion	6 for .35
50	1871, 4c carmine	15 for .35
51	1871, 2c lake	70 for .35
52	1871, 2c carmine, cap on left	2 for .35
53	1871, 2c carmine, cap on both	2 for .35
54	1871, 6c brown red	20 for .35
55	1871, 15c indigo	10 for .35
56	1871, 90c orange	1 for .35
57	1871, 1c deep blue, Columbian	100 for .35
58	1871, 2c violet, Columbian	360 for .35
59	1871, 3c green, Columbian	15 for .35
60	1871, 4c ultramarine, Columbian	25 for .35
61	1871, 5c chocolate, Columbian	20 for .35
62	1871, 6c purple, Columbian	10 for .35
63	1871, 8c magenta, Columbian	20 for .35
64	1871, 10c blk. brown, Columbian	20 for .35
65	1871, 15c dark green	2 for .35
66	1871, 30c orange brown	1 for .35
67	1871, 50c slate blue	1 for .35
68	1871, 1c ultramarine	25 for .35
69	1871, 2c pink, triangle I	35 for .35
70	1871, 2c carmine, triangle II	10 for .35
71	1871, 2c carmine, triangle III	25 for .35
72	1871, 2c carmine, triangle I	10 for .35
73	1871, 2c carmine, triangle II	10 for .35
74	1871, 50c orange	4 for .35
75	1871, 1c green, Trans-Mississippi	40 for .35
76	1871, 4c orange	10 for .35
77	1871, 5c dull blue	6 for .35
78	1871, 8c dull brown	7 for .35
79	1871, 10c gray violet	8 for .35
80	1871, 50c sage green	1 for .35
81	1901, 4c chocolate & black, Pan-American	10 for .35
82	1901, 5c ultramarine & black, Pan-American	6 for .35
83	1901, 8c brown violet & black, Pan-American	6 for .35
84	1901, 10c yellow-brown & black, Pan-American	7 for .35
85	1902, 13c purple black	20 for .35
86	1902, 15c olive green	20 for .35
87	1902, 50c orange	5 for .35
88	1904, 3c violet, Louisiana purch.	9 for .35
89	1904, 5c dk. blue, Louisiana pur.	8 for .35
90	1904, 10c red brn., Louisiana pur.	6 for .35
91	1907, 5c blue, Jamestown Expo.	10 for .35
92	1908, 13c blue green	5 for .35

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENTS.

93	Agriculture 8c yellow	3 for .35
94	Interior 1c vermilion	3 for .35
95	" 2c vermilion	12 for .35
96	" 2c vermilion	15 for .35
97	" 3c vermilion	10 for .35
98	" 6c vermilion	10 for .35
99	Navy 6c ultramarine	2 for .35
100	Post Office 6c black	4 for .35
101	Treasury 1c brown	5 for .35
102	" 2c brown	6 for .35
103	" 3c brown	20 for .35
104	" 6c brown	10 for .35
105	" 12c brown	5 for .35
106	" 30c brown	3 for .35
107	" 90c brown	2 for .35
108	*War 1c rose	10 for .35
109	" 3c rose	25 for .35
110	" 6c rose	20 for .35
111	" 10c rose	4 for .35
112	" 12c rose	4 for .35
113	" 15c rose	1 for .35
114	" 24c rose	4 for .35
115	" 30c rose	2 for .35
116	" 30c rose	2 for .35
117	Post Office Seal 1872 green	4 for .35
118	Special Delivery 1885, 10c	4 for .35
119	Special Delivery 1888, 10c	10 for .35
120	Special Delivery 1894, 10c	10 for .35
121	1879, 30c brown, postage due	1 for .35
122	1879, 50c brown, postage due	1 for .35
123	1889, 30c red brown, postage due	2 for .35
124	1891, 1c claret, postage due	100 for .35

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UNITED STATES REVENUES.

125	1862-1871, First Issue.	
126	2c Certificate, orange	2 for .35
127	2c Express, blue	20 for .35
128	2c Express, orange	15 for .35
129	2c Proprietary, blue	10 for .35
130	3c Foreign Exchange	12 for .35
131	3c Proprietary	6 for .35
132	3c Telegraph	5 for .35
133	4c Inland Exchange	12 for .35
134	4c Proprietary	6 for .35
135	5c Agreement	25 for .35
136	5c Express	15 for .35
137	5c Foreign Exchange	20 for .35
138	6c Inland Exchange	6 for .35
139	10c Bill of Lading	15 for .35
140	10c Power of Attorney	15 for .35
141	15c Inland Exchange	25 for .35
142	25c Bond	8 for .35
143	25c Certificate	100 for .35
144	25c Entry of Goods	10 for .35
145	25c Insurance	25 for .35
146	25c Power of Attorney	25 for .35
147	25c Protest	4 for .35
148	30c Inland Exchange	12 for .35
149	40c Inland Exchange	12 for .35
150	50c Conveyance	30 for .35
151	50c Entry of Goods	15 for .35
152	50c Life Insurance	15 for .35
153	50c Mortgage	25 for .35
154	50c Passage Ticket	7 for .35
155	50c Surety Bond	12 for .35
156	60c Inland Exchange	8 for .35
157	70c Foreign Exchange	8 for .35
158	\$1.00 Conveyance	8 for .35
159	\$1.00 Entry of Goods	12 for .35
160	\$1.00 Foreign Exchange	15 for .35
161	\$1.00 Inland Exchange	15 for .35
162	\$1.00 Lease	8 for .35
163	\$1.00 Life Insurance	8 for .35
164	\$1.00 Manifest	2 for .35
165	\$1.00 Power of Attorney	10 for .35
166	\$1.50 Inland Exchange	8 for .35
167	\$2.00 Conveyance	7 for .35
168	\$2.00 Mortgage	7 for .35
169	\$2.50 Inland Exchange	5 for .35
170	\$3.00 Charter Party	5 for .35
171	\$3.00 Manifest	4 for .35
172	\$5.00 Charter Party	4 for .35
173	\$5.00 Conveyance	5 for .35
174	\$5.00 Probate of Will	1 for .35
175	2c blue and black	20 for .35
176	10c blue and black	25 for .35
177	25c blue and black	25 for .35
178	50c blue and black	25 for .35
179	\$1.00 blue and black	10 for .35
180	2c black and orange	100 for .35
181	5c black and orange	15 for .35
182	30c black and orange	2 for .35
183	40c black and brown	1 for .35
184	60c black and orange	1 for .35
185	70c black and green	1 for .35
186	\$1.00 black and green	10 for .35
187	\$5.00 black and vermilion	1 for .35
188	1c black and green	25 for .35
189	2c black and green	10 for .35
190	3c black and green	3 for .35
191	4c black and green	8 for .35
192	1875-1881, 1c green	35 for .35
193	1888, * 1/2c yellow-green	50 for .35
194	1/2c yellow-green	100 for .35
195	1/2c pale brown	40 for .35
196	1/2c pale brown	60 for .35
197	1/2c deep orange	40 for .35
198	1/2c deep orange	50 for .35
199	1/2c deep ultramarine	35 for .35
200	1/2c deep ultramarine	50 for .35
201	1c dark green	30 for .35
202	1c dark green	40 for .35
203	1 1/2c violet	20 for .35
204	1 1/2c violet	35 for .35
205	1 1/2c deep blue	8 for .35
206	1 1/2c deep blue	12 for .35
207	2c violet brown	15 for .35
208	2c violet brown	25 for .35
209	2 1/2c lake	10 for .35
210	2 1/2c lake	30 for .35
211	3 1/2c olive-gray	3 for .35
212	3 1/2c olive-gray	4 for .35
213	4c purple	8 for .35
214	4c purple	10 for .35
215	5c brown orange	7 for .35
216	5c brown orange	10 for .35
217	1/2c orange	7 for .35
218	1/2c dark gray	30 for .35
219	1/2c dark gray	40 for .35
220	40c blue lilac	15 for .35
221	40c blue lilac cut cancellation	30 for .35
222	80c bistre brown	6 for .35
223	80c bistre brown cut cancel.	12 for .35
224	\$1.00 dark green	100 for .35
225	\$3.00 dark brown	10 for .35
226	\$3.00 dark brown, cut cancel.	15 for .35
227	\$5.00 orange red	8 for .35
228	\$5.00 orange red, cut cancel.	15 for .35
229	\$10.00 black	2 for .35
230	\$10.00 black, cut cancel.	4 for .35
231	1900, \$1.00 carmine	7 for .35
232	\$1.00 carmine, cut cancel.	20 for .35
233	\$1.00 gray and black	35 for .35
234	\$1.00 gray and black, cut cancel.	70 for .35
235	\$2.00 gray and black	25 for .35
236	\$2.00 gray and black, cut cancel.	50 for .35
237	\$3.00 lake, cut cancel.	1 for .35
238	\$3.00 gray and black, cut cancel.	8 for .35
239	\$5.00 gray and black, cut cancel.	8 for .35
240	\$10.00 gray & black, cut cancel.	2 for .35
241	1902, \$1.00 green and black	6 for .35
242	\$1.00 green & black, cut cancel.	25 for .35
243	\$2.00 green and black	8 for .35
244	\$2.00 green & black, cut cancel.	35 for .35
245	\$5.00 green and blk. cut cancel.	2 for .35

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322 Tremont Bldg., 8.15 P.M.

April 14, 1916.

The 356th (regular) meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday evening, April 18th. There will be a contest in which members will exhibit the stamps of any country which has issued 40 or more major varieties. Completeness will count 40%, condition 40%, and arrangement and neatness 20%. The lack of any stamp of a face value of \$2.50 or more will not count against completeness. The first prize will be a silver medal donated by Mr. Edwin F. Sawyer and in case there are five or more entries ribbons for second and third prizes will be awarded. There should be a large number of entries. A member may enter more than one country if he so desires.

There have been offered as prizes for obtaining new members during the year the following prizes:

First—\$10.00 in gold for obtaining the largest number, donated by A. W. Dunning.

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CHAPTER IV.—Postal Systems.

In treating of the postal matters of China one must consider two systems, the ancient and native system, which is still in use, and the modern and foreign system which was lately adopted by the Imperial Government after having been for many years simply an adjunct to the Customs Service.

The ancient system reaches back to far antiquity, having apparently been instituted by the Chou Dynasty which ruled the country from 1122 B. C. to 255 B. C. It is termed the I Chan or Government Courier Service, and has therefore been in operation for nearly 3000 years. It is under the supervision of the Board of War or "Ping Pu" at Peking, where the Cart and Chariot Department, with seven officials at its head, superintends all I Chan affairs. Two Yamens look after its workings, one, known as the Horse Office, overseeing the couriers and horses, and the other, known as the Despatch Office, attending to the mails on arrival and departure. The Service is carried on by means of a system of post-carts and runners, post stations for this purpose being located generally on the principal roads and supplied with everything necessary for the prompt despatch of the reliefs when a cart or runner arrives.

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for post-carts and some 2000 offices for runners included in this system.

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CHAPTER V.—Customs Postal Issues.

In July, 1878, a modest issue of three stamps made its appearance, of which cut is a sample. These stamps are so familiar that it is perhaps only necessary to translate the Chinese inscriptions. Those in the two upper corners are: at the right "ta" and at the left "ts'ing" or "ch'ing," meaning "Great Pure," that being the designation of the Manchu dynasty. In the right panel reading downwards is "Yu ch'eng chü," literally "Post-law bureau," and signifying of course "Post-office." In the left panel is "I fen yin" or "1 candarin silver" with a proper change in the top



character for the other values, "san" for "3" and "wu" for "5".

The central device is of course the "dragon", that famous beast created by the Chinese mind to represent all that is terrible, imposing and powerful, and thus symbolical of the Emperor. Pictures of the dragon or "lung" are almost always accompanied by certain accessories which can be recognized upon the stamp. The curved or wavy lines beneath represent the sea, with a dot for the opening of the cave from whence he issued; the "curls" scattered around him (see the Shanghai stamps) represent clouds; and the "ball" beneath his head and within the curve of his body is the pearl or gem which the dragon is popularly supposed to carry on its forehead or in its becl, and to which are ascribed wonderful virtues and powers of healing.

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10 candarins—1 mace (ch'ien).

10 mace—1 tael (liang).

The names familiar to us, however, are not Chinese, but of foreign origin, the Chinese equivalents, whose corresponding characters appear on the stamps, being given in parentheses. The "tael" is a money of account, not a coin, and is the equivalent of 1 1-3 ounces of silver. The only coins corresponding to the above table are the familiar copper "cash" or "li." The candarins or tael cents for these stamps were based on the "Haikwan" tael, or Custom House standard, and being affected of course by the fluctuations of silver, were at the time of this issue about twice the value that they represent at present, or about a cent and a half of our money.

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by the Customs office to carry the mis-
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On November 25, 1885, a new issue
took place of the same three values but
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typographed in Shanghai, but they have
every appearance of being lithographs.
They were perforated at first with the
same machine as the previous set, but in
1889 a new one gauging about 12 (11 3/4
exactly) began to be used, thus making
two sets. The paper was watermarked
with a device arranged to fall once upon



each stamp on the sheet. This has been
described as a "shell", but is really the
yin-yang symbol much used in Chinese
geomancy. It is a graphic illustration
of the two principles of nature, illus-
trated by the male and female in animate
objects, by the union of which all things
are produced.

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on this issue are the same as for the
preceding one.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Best—We feel that we have been very moderate in expressing our enthusiasm over the range and quality of the reading matter that we have begun to print and it would be unbecoming if we did not devote a few words here to mark the degree of excellence that we have achieved. In reality, the China of Mr. Howes, Canada of Mr. Poole and Canal Zone of Mr. Evans are a trilogy that merit attention and emphasize the development of our plans to make the WEEKLY so superior in its reading columns that subscribers will feel that we are deserving of the support that we have received in bountiful measure. Even so, the future will unfold greater evidences of the progress of our paper.

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Another—We have been informed by Mr. E. R. Jacobs whose illustrated plate of the five cent New York in the issue of February 26, 1916, made a profound impression, that another double transfer should be added to the list of double transfers in the position of 38, making a total of seven double transfers in the plate of fifty stamps.

Redivivus—The good old Brattleboro has come into its own again after having been ignored by the newspapers for many a day. Time was when the Brattleboro was a favorite theme for exploitation in the press but latterly the stamp has suffered an eclipse in this respect. While having relinquished its place of prominence on the stage of philately, it still has great recuperative power and that such is the case is shown by an Associated Press dispatch with the New York headline, dated April 11th, 1916, telling of the sale of two Brattleboro provisionals on original envelopes in that city, for \$1,730. The two envelopes were said to have been found upon examining the effects of a lawyer in New York who died recently, we assume. We gather that the covers were sent to the lawyer at the time the Brattleboro stamps were in use, or in 1846. The newspaper accounts say that "fewer than twenty genuine canceled Brattleboro stamps are known and they are highly prized by collectors." The stamp was retired upon the government issue of 1847, although there is some testimony to the claim that the Brattleboro stamp "may have supplied a temporary shortage" of the government stamps in 1848 or 1849, as Mr. Luff says. Authorities say that but one printing consisting of five hundred sheets or 5,000 stamps was made and that it is probable that not over 500 of the stamps were ever used in the service. The price, \$1,730, at which the two stamps are said to have been sold seems to be an equitable one.

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Vagrant—The postmark that we spoke of in our issue of April 1st, 1916, used in connection with the regular Spade, Nebraska, postmark, "Delayed for want of Mail Service," has occasioned some comment. A reader tells us that he has the postmark, "Joplin, Mo., Apr. 11, 1908, M. O. B." in purple on a two cent red envelope of the 1907-10 issue. Here is a case of the use of the "money order business" stamp for the regular postal one.

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Constitution y Reformas.
Mexico City, March 20, 1916.

Revenues—On the left sheet of two hundred subjects of the 1/2 cent proprietary of the current "suppressed" short series, there is a variety of some interest. On the bottom row, the fourth stamp from the right shows the "2" with the upper curl of the numeral blank or without the curved line that gives the part its true form. A reader has shown us a complete sheet of the sixty dollar beautifully used, i. e., a strip of four, vertically, of the current documentary set. The three cent documentary has been found on postage paper.

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Third Prize Entry—By EDWIN B. HILL.

At the threshold, one might ask, in all simplicity, What is charm? It may be described as that indefinable something which grips the personality and makes for restful delight,—that indescribable something which calls each to each,—the fireside fisherman to his Walton,—the booklover to his books,—the collector to his stamps.

He who does not know the charm of stamp collecting has missed one of the greatest joys of life,—perhaps the most restful of all pleasures, considered from the standpoint of self. It is not to be inferred that self by this designation means selfishness. Preferably, it may be termed that part of one's inner consciousness dominant of culture, of which observation is the most direct attribute. Stamp collecting demands a fine appreciation, a tireless endeavor, an acute observation, a persistency and an integrity which make for character.

He who "collects" knows the eagerness with which the new catalogue is awaited,—the anticipated advent of a favorite philatelic paper,—the delight in the altogether unexpected auction catalogue,—and, greater than the greatest of these, the unsurpassed pleasure of garnering in one's album the gap-filling stamp which has long eluded one's search,—always King Midas permitting. These are all charms describable.

Which of us older collectors does not remember most pleasurably and with a thrill living unto this day the first "Cape Triangular" which came to him! The joy,—the well-spring of romance! And who can ever forget rummaging amongst old letters and finding perhaps one or two beautiful gems to add to one's growing hundreds! How the eyes glowed! How the pulses beat! The joy of it,—the rapture! One did not think then what constituted the charm of stamp collecting,—the charm was so much part of the life that it seemed a bit of the very essence of being,—a cause of and for existence.

Looking through a dealer's advertisement, the eye may chance upon perhaps a single stamp which calls as "deep unto deep." The appeal is irresistible. How long are the days! How the hours drag! And then—what charm is here within the envelope eye hath not hitherto beheld.

The charm of stamp collecting includes also the fellowship of brother-collectors and the rare joy of exchanging. Here, perhaps, one garners a needed Newfoundland or New Brunswick or Canada, giving in its place a duplicate "U. S." or some other equally desirable stamp, never with the bargain idea, but always with that of equity.

Another charm of stamp collecting is in the arrangement of one's treasures, especially if they are placed in a blank album. Here is opportunity for display of one's artistic sense. How beautiful the pages! How altogether restful! And the "writing up"!

Many of the great collections are now coming on the market. Who would miss the charm which opportunity presents to possess a stamp from the great Crocker collection,—one of the commoner Cape triangulars, should one's likes tend toward those beautiful stamps,—

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Of a rainy day, when one cannot be out-of-doors,—of a cold raw snowy and blowy day,—or, alas! when the ills that man is heir to confine one to one's room,—what solace and rare delight and charm one finds in stamps! And now, in the prisoners' camps at various points in the war zone, how the long hours are made to pass by the collectors who can at least talk stamps even if they cannot possess them.

A dissertation on the charm of stamp collecting would be incomplete were one to neglect the pleasure of passing on some of one's accumulations to those who appreciate,—to the more humble collector who perhaps loves his stamps even more than you and I,—loves them and feasts his eyes on them, and feeds his soul! Let us not forget this our brother, nor be ungenerous with our gifts.

There is also the charm of stamp collecting wholly indefinable. It dwells in the soul-sense,—the spiritual part of one's nature,—that Inner Shrine of which no man speaks but of which each man feels and knows and from which he draws sustenance equal to his daily needs.

Here dwells the better part of us,—the charm,—the "sweetness and light" of life, the dream, and the reality. This comprises to the full the charm of stamp collecting.

U. S. 2c 1903, DOUBLE TRANSFER.

PERCY MCG. MANN.

Mr. Frank Reeder, Jr., has submitted to me several strips of the U. S. 2c, 1903, shield type, with Scherneck perforation, issued in coils by the Mail-o-meter Co., and an imperforate block of the same stamps, which has enabled me to "plate" three double transfers in the upper left pane of plate No. 4701. Stamps Nos. 4, 5 and 6 of this pane show lines through the top of the word "POSTAGE" and other evidences of slight double transferring (downward shift) similar to the recently mentioned double transfers of the current 12c stamps. These three double transfers of the 2c 1903 are entirely different from the one I discovered last year, on which the doubling shows in parts all over the stamp.

Owing to the vast quantity of these stamps issued, and saved by collectors, especially in imperforate condition, students should be able to find many of the "doubles."

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—The office of the WEEKLY was favored last week with a call from C. A. Pitkin of Montpelier, Vt. Mr. Pitkin was on his way home after a winter's stay in Florida.

—Edgar D. McIlvain reports that he is interested in Arthur G. Cole, Jonesboro, Ind., to whom reference was made in our issue of Feb. 18.

—The Franklin Stamp Co. has found it necessary to move into a larger and more commodious office. The firm is now located in Room 1015, Real Estate Trust Bldg., Philadelphia. The advertisement of the firm elsewhere in this issue will prove of interest to all who buy at auction.

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—One cannot fail to note the announcement of B. W. H. Poole elsewhere in this number. Mr. Poole has acquired the entire United States and foreign stamp collection (excepting Mexico, Hawaii and Confederate States) of W. Parker Lyon, formerly of Fresno, Cal., and now residing in Pasadena. Many superb stamps are advertised by Mr. Poole and the breaking up of this fine collection will place many rarities in the channels of trade.

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—We have received from M. P. Hynes, St. Johns, Newfoundland, two clippings from the London *Mirror*, one of which illustrates the National Philatelic War Fund auction sale in session and the other the stamp donated by the King with his autograph.

—The election time of the S. P. A. is drawing near and the following is one ticket which will be placed in the field:—president, Dr. W. I. Mitchell, Wichita, Kans.; vice pres., S. H. Barnes, Kansas City, Mo.; secretary, Benj. F. Egan, Indianapolis, Ind.; treasurer, C. V. Hollis, Indianapolis, Ind.; sales manager, J. E. Guest, Minneapolis, Minn.; exchange manager, Robt. C. Edgar, Wichita, Kans.; Inter. sec'y, Harry E. Klotzbach, Buffalo, N. Y. 1917 Convention seat, Minneapolis, Minn.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from W. G. Birdseye, Henry J. Borsch, V. W. Rotnem, Herman W. Boers.

—Dr. Luis A. Micheloni has just returned from a trip to Uruguay. His offerings elsewhere are evidently a reflection of the business end of the trip.

—"Perhaps it may interest U. S. stamp dealers and collectors who are in business relation with the European continent to know that the U. S. mails, shipped by the Netherlands steamers Rotterdam and Nvordam, 2nd and 7th February from New York, are lost. They were taken from these steamers by the English for censoring, and after they had finished their inspection, the English authorities sent the mails through by our steamer, Mecklenburg, which struck on a mine and sunk."—OTTO WEISMANN.

—Harold K. Bowen, Fort Dodge, Iowa, has announced that he will be a candidate for vice president of S. P. A. Mr. Bowen, aside from being a member of the S. P. A. recruiting committee, is secretary of the Iowa Stamp Society.

VIRGIN IDS. 1899 ISSUE.

By A. H. WEBER.

I note the completion of Dalwick's article on Virgin Is. and what he says about shades of the 1899 issue is very indefinite. I have in my collection all values 1/2d to 1sh in at least two marked distinct shades (5sh only one). As I procured a set through new issue service and the variations much later it has always seemed to me that there were several printings or lots sent out at different times. It would be well to look into this and give us the shades.

The broken type "errors" are on a par with the DFUTSCHES REICH and really do not deserve listing as they were no doubt made purposely by some one philatelically inclined. In the case of the German stamp the official was found and punished, while in this case, it has been considered a good thing.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

April 15, 1916.

Fellow Members:—

Get busy and see if you cannot get a few members. If you have no time to write them, send their names to me and I will do the rest. There seems to be a new life coming into the Revenue Quarter of the Philatelic World, and there are very few letters of inquiry that I have answered where the party has not sent in his application. Get right after them and KEEP after them.

Application for Membership.

H. F. Kalse: P. O. Box 280; Norwood, Manitoba, Canada; age, 50; proposed by Walter E. Goodwin.

Stanley B. Ashbrook, 720 Union Trust Building; age, 34; occupation, broker; proposed by Walter E. Goodwin.

All these have furnished the required references which will be given to any member upon request.

New Members.

No. 285. Adolph H. Weber, 1515 Euclid Ave., Berkeley, Cal.

No. 286. E. S. Buffum, Walla Walla, Washington.

No. 287. Arthur C. Chancellor, 45 Yale St., Springfield, Mass.

Change of Address.

Vahan Mozian to 140 Nassau St., New York, N. Y.

Membership Summary.

Reported March 25, 1916, 91
New Members, 3

Total, April 15, 1916, 94

All members who desire to be placed on circuits should write to Mr. Mozian at once. He writes me that he has now only four circuits and can use a good many more books. If you have any duplicates to dispose of, just write him for books and set them agoing in our Sales Dept.

WALTER E. GOODWIN, Sec.

PERERA, NEGOMBO, CEYLON.

In the issue of April 8 appeared an adlet over the above name and address, and a complaint has been entered against this party by W. L. Morse of Syracuse, N. Y. We have taken the matter up with Perera and until settlement has been effected would advise our readers not to engage in any exchange relations. We find it impossible to require and investigate references in connection with the insertion of adlets and our readers must take every precaution to protect themselves when answering these advertisements.

U. S. MAIL FROM CANADA CENSORED.

Herman W. Boers and other subscribers have favored us with newspaper clippings and covers showing the censorship of mail which has been established between Canada and the United States. Protests will no doubt be lodged with the Department at Washington by the business men of border cities but it will prove of little avail. The purpose of the censorship is believed to be due to the desire of the Canadian Government to hold up treasonable matter.

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THAT BIG CHICAGO BANQUET.

Everyone is talking about the banquet. Saturday evening, April 8th, the C. P. S. held its annual banquet at the Palmer House. As is usual at C. P. S. banquets, everyone had a splendid time and is looking forward to the next one. While some of the previous banquets have been noisier, and bigger, none has been as informal as this one.

Messrs. Baldwin, Bloss, Boehm, Edmunds, Dodd, Gilley, Jacobs, Lauritzen, Lauer, Lindquist, E. Michael, F. Michael, McDonald, Severn and Schmidt were present to represent the Society, while Messrs. Norcross, Sensow, Parmelee, and Stark were present as guests. Messrs. Parmelee and Stark made the trip from Omaha for the purpose of attending the banquet and furthering their acquaintance with Chicago collectors, while Mr. Sensow came from La-Porte, Indiana. Oh, yes, and Mr. Dodd came from La Grange, Illinois, for the same purpose.

The Palmer House certainly exerted itself to excel the banquet of last year, for the menu was splendid.

After all had satisfied the cravings of the inner man, (or had buried him with food, as Baldy said) it was quite in order to listen to the usual flow of after dinner speeches.

Mr. Severn, acting as toast-master, introduced Mr. Jacobs, who in turn introduced Mr. Severn, and each introduced the other for several minutes, until all felt well acquainted.

Mr. Parmelee, being an old friend of many of the members, took the opportunity of recalling old times, and told of some very amusing incidents. Mr. Stark also provided several anecdotes well worth hearing. Mr. Schmidt went back twenty years or so and told us of an experience he had as a boy, when a very large lot of Mexican and Spanish-American stamps were presented to him, through the courtesy of a relative connected with the Mexican Government. Mr. Jacobs also told of his boyhood experiences in philately. Mr. McDonald related some very interesting incidents, philatelic and otherwise, mostly otherwise, which occurred on some of his travels in Central America and the West Indies in recent years. As is customary at philatelic meetings and banquets, very little was said about stamps.

Last but not least, the celebrated monologist of the Corn Beef and Quincy R. R., Mr. Edward C. Dodd, alias Prince Edward Island, held an imaginary conversation with one Finnegan, wherein various philatelic items were cussed and philatelists discussed, or vice versa, from Greasy Dick to the loophounds which infest the stores of our local dealers. As most everyone is familiar with the possibilities in a talk by Mr. Dodd, little more need be said than that

he was at his best and succeeded in making everyone happy.

It is to be regretted that so many of the "old guard" were missing this year.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. W. W.—Lack of time has forced me to delay all work in connection with this paper. No, I don't know anything about tobacco stamps, as they don't interest me. Probably some of the revenue collectors could help you out. The covers you illustrate are decidedly worth saving, even though they do not bear stamps. The various marks thereon are of interest to specialists in U. S. stamps, and while they do not bring a very good price, are nevertheless interesting and should sell readily if you care to dispose of them. Next time I'll answer quicker.

J. R., Maywood—I have referred your request to the Auction Manager of the C. P. S.

E. P. M.—Plating means putting stamps together in the same order as they are printed from the plate, or reconstructing the sheet, in other words. The various minor differences on some stamps make this possible. Few stamps can be plated.

The three types of the 2c 1894 differ in the triangles in the upper corners. The illustrations in the catalogue explain this difference very fully. In Type I the lines run across the triangle; in Type II they are thinner in the triangle; in Type III the lines do not cross the double lines forming the triangle.

Caps are found only on the 2c, 1890. I have never seen or heard of them on the 2c, 1894.

Most of the hand-books, such as the Goodwin series give information you want on U. S. stamps. Much of this information is not available in book form, but is to be found in various articles.

MR. WOLSIEFFER'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

We have received some advance information about Mr. Wolsieffer's Report of the Sales Department of the American Philatelic Society, which will appear in full in the next number of the *American Philatelist*.

He reports for the second time this year that he has retired more books than received and also paid out more money to members than was received for sales during the same period.

He shows 378 books valued at \$8,050.91 retired and but 312 new books valued at \$6,849.27 received. He paid out on the books retired \$2,602.66 and received for sales during the same period \$1785.45.

Mr. Wolsieffer suggests as a possible reason for this increase in retirements over the new books received is the slow movements of the Circuits during the past year and a half. Many of the books retired were old books and had been in the Department longer than usual because of the slow movements of the Circuits.

The members at the present time are more active and the sales are improving to such an extent that it became necessary to retire the older books and make room for the new ones that are constantly coming in.

While the business of the Sales Department is not up to previous years before the war, yet it is far better than it has been and is improving. All new members of the Society are written to by Mr. Wolsieffer, inviting them to participate in the Department which is one of the principal benefits and should be taken advantage of by all members, either as buyers or sellers or both.

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THE W. P. S. APRIL MEETING.

Thanks to S. E. Colman we have a detailed report of the last meeting of the Washington Philatelic Society and regret that we are unable to insert it in its entirety. 18 members were present. The announcement was made that permanent headquarters had been secured for the joint use of the S. P. A. Branch and the W. P. S. and a house committee was appointed.

R. D. Cox, L. T. Boynton and Kolbe Curtice were elected members. H. B. Mason was elected treasurer in place of Mr. Wysong resigned, and W. P. Colman was elected exchange superintendent.

The new treasurer reported that \$126.01 had been turned over to him by the former treasurer. W. P. Colman was appointed to secure subscriptions for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY. I. B. Robinson entertained the members with a talk on the "War Stamps of Canada" and was given a rising vote of thanks. At the next meeting Mr. Lantz will continue a lecture commenced at a recent meeting on "Comparisons Between Used and Unused Stamps." An auction sale closed the meeting.

COVER DESIGNS WANTED.

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- In regard to the latter division we may add that we expect to run articles dealing with special perforations, regular revenues (including Match and Medicine) as well as articles dealing with the stamps of Canal Zone and Porto Rico.

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CANADIAN WAR TAX STAMPS.

By GLADSTONE PERRY.

(We are greatly obliged to several readers who have sent us press clippings, etc., dealing with the Canada War Tax issues. We have not made use of these in this article, but shall no doubt do so in a further contribution along the lines of the article by Mr. Perry.—Ed.)

The readers of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS will no doubt be interested in an up-to-date check list of Canadian War Tax Stamps, both postage and revenue. These issues, on account of their variety and historical interest should prove an interesting side line to many collectors who do not ordinarily collect Canadian revenue stamps; add to this the fact that several of the stamps are just a little bit hard to get, and we have a combination attractive to many.

At the fifth session of the present Canadian Parliament, in February, 1915, Finance Minister White introduced Bill No. 76, "The Special War Revenue Act," to "supplement the revenue required to meet War Expenditure." This was passed Mar. 27, 1915, and the section which concerns collectors, "Part 3" treats of "Stamp Duties on Cheques and certain other Instruments", "Stamp Duties on Money Orders, Letters and Postcards", and "Stamp Duties on Articles in bottles and packages." With one exception these duties were to commence April 15th, 1915.

In brief the sections of interest to stamp collectors state as follows:

"No one may issue a cheque without affixing an adhesive stamp of two cents value and such stamp must be cancelled by the bank paying it.

No one may transfer a note or bill of exchange to a bank without affixing a two cent stamp, which must be cancelled by the bank at the time of delivery.

Express companies must affix a two cent stamp to express orders and traveller's cheques, cancelling same when issued.

Post Office Money Orders must bear a two cent tax.

Postal Notes must bear a one cent tax.

Every letter and post card posted in Canada shall bear one cent War Tax.

Every person selling to a consumer, importing for his own use, or manufacturing for his own use, any bottle or package containing: a proprietary or patent medicine; perfumery; wine of the grape, non-sparkling, or champagne or sparkling

wine, shall, at or before the time of sale, etc., etc., affix to said bottle or package an adhesive stamp of the requisite value as mentioned in the schedule and cancel the same at the time of affixing.

Postage stamps of the requisite value may, in lieu of stamps prepared under sub-section one of this section, be used."

Under this Act, both the Inland Revenue and Post Office Departments have issued stamps and I will take these up in detail, revenues first.

INLAND REVENUE.

On Feb. 12th, 1915, the tax on wines came into effect, with the reading of the Bill in the House of Commons, and as stamps to represent this had to be prepared in a hurry, the Inland Revenue Department requisitioned a small supply of postage stamps of the 5c, 20c, and 50c values, and surcharged them diagonally in black and red, "WAR TAX."

The values required were 5c, 25c and 50c, but as no 25c postage stamp existed, the twenty was used with a five, the fives were used on quarts on non-sparkling wines, and in combination with the twenties, on pints of champagne, while the 50c were used on wines in casks, etc. After a small quantity of these had been surcharged and sent out it was noticed that the stamps still read, "Canada Postage" and the surcharge was immediately changed.

Of the first issue the 5c unused is very scarce, practically all the stock issued was required on the first day of issue for actual use and was cancelled and stuck on bottles. The issue was so unexpected that hardly any collectors were aware of the fact until the second issue had been supplied. There was a wild scramble later on when the facts became known but practically no stamps were to be had in the 5c value, as the first supplies were inadequate, and later on all remainders of first and second issue provisionals were recalled to Ottawa for destruction. To a greater or less extent all the stamps of these provisional issues will be scarce. First Provisional Issue. "War Tax" on Postage,

Feb. 12, '15.

5c blue, black surcharge.
20c olive, black surcharge.
50c black brown, red surcharge.
Variety.
5c dull black surcharge, poor ink.

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7 Siam	.15	10 Persia	.18	8 Seychelles	.10
10 Chile	.30	40 France	.10	1000 Hinges	.10
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Second Provisional Issue. "Inland Revenue. War Tax," on Postage,

Feb. 13, '15.

5c blue, black surcharge.
20c olive, black surcharge.
50c black brown, red surcharge.

Variety.

5c with hair lines in stamp.

The so-called "permanent" issue was in course of preparation and values were issued in April. This was a very beautiful design, having the portrait of King George on an oblong stamp, surmounted by the words, CANADA Inland Revenue, with WAR TAX, and value at bottom.

Regular Issue.

April, 1915.

1c orange. 10c bronze green.
2c brown. 13c vermilion.
3c green. 25c carmine.
5c sage. 50c brown.

Variety.

2c light brown.

On non-sparkling wines the tax was first put at 5c per quart or fraction, the same applied to pints or fractions of champagne at 25c, later a rate was struck for half quarts and half pints, at 3c and 13c, respectively.

The permanent issue is printed in sheets of 400, divided as are the postage stamps into panes of 100, leaving two straight edges to each pane of 100. The 2c values are also issued in coil form.

Regular Issue. Perf. 8 x Imperf. Coil Form.

2c light brown.
2c dark brown.

Stamps in book form were issued February, 1916, for the convenience of people who wished to carry the low values in pocketbook, etc.

Regular Issue. Book Form.

1c orange.
Book of 24 @ 25c, orange imprint on cover.
Book of 48 @ 50c, green imprint on cover.

2c brown.
Book of 12 @ 25c, brown imprint on cover.
Book of 24 @ 50c, blue imprint on cover.
Book of 48 @ \$1.00, red imprint on cover.

These are in pages of six stamps, two rows of three, and binding strip.

In June, 1915, a set of stamps in ribbon form was prepared. These stamps measure $\frac{3}{4}$ " x $\frac{7}{16}$ " engraved in black, no gum, having head of King George in circle at one end, value in figures at the other, the centre space being filled with lathe work and the words, "Canada, Inland Revenue," and value in words and figures. These are intended to go over the necks of bottles, etc., and to be destroyed by opening same.

Ribbon Stamps. Black. No Gum.

5c, 10c, 13c, 25c, 50c.

These are printed in sheets the width of the stamp, bearing plate number at top and having stamps separated by rouletting.

A circular of the Inland Revenue Department reads in part as follows:

"Bankers wishing to use cheques stamped by means of a die, will supply the Inland Revenue Department at Ottawa with blank cheques in sheets, not in books. The Department will have the die embossed on the cheques, charging the cost of the work necessary therefore plus the cost of the stamps. Embossed stamps need not be cancelled."

The embossed stamp is rather scarce as very few concerns have so far taken advantage of the scheme. The stamp is in the form of an oval, white embossed letters on a red ground, lettered at the top, "Canada," over a crown, surmounting the words "Inland Revenue, War Tax," over a beaver. Underneath this again, the value, "Two Cents" and a spray of maple leaves.

Embossed Stamp for Cheques.

2c red.

Under this Act, postage stamps of the requisite value may be used in lieu of revenue stamps, therefore a collection of them would be incomplete without at least the following specimens with a bank, express company, or drug store cancellation:

Postage Used as Revenue.

1c King George, postage.
2c King George, postage.
1c King George, postage war tax.
2c King George, postage war tax.

POSTAGE STAMPS.

In April, 1915, the Post Office Department issued the well-known Postage War Tax stamps, primarily intended to pay war tax on letters and post cards, and Postal Notes and Money Orders, though they are used indiscriminately for Postage, War Tax, Bank Cheques, Express Orders, Drugs, Etc. I have seen hundreds of covers prepaid with all War Tax, 1c War Tax and 2c Postage, or 2c War Tax and 1c Postage.

1c green on white, Scott's 201.
1c deep green on white.
1c green on toned.
1c deep green on toned.

2c carmine on white, Scott's 202.
2c pale carmine on white.
2c carmine on toned.
2c pale carmine on toned.

In connection with this issue I append the following letter:

Post Office Department, Canada.
Ottawa, 22nd April, 1915.

Dear Sir:—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 19th inst. on the subject of War Tax Stamps.

In so far as the Post Office Department is concerned the War Tax Stamps have only been issued in two denominations, namely—the one cent and two cent.

The Two Cent War Tax stamp may be used on money orders, cheques, notes, and wherever else the tax of that amount is applicable.

I would also add that ordinary postage stamps may also be used to pay the War Tax and that the Post Office War Tax Stamps are available for postage purposes.

Very sincerely yours,

E. J. LEMAIN, Superintendent,
Postage Stamp Branch.

For the first day there was some uncertainty as to whether or not the permanent issue of Inland Revenue Stamps would be accepted to pay Postage War Tax or not, one of the Toronto dailies in fact, stated:

"These stamps are primarily intended for cheques, drafts, etc., but can also be used for War Tax on letters, although not for postage. It is the intention of the department to have the large commercial houses, banks, etc., use these stamps for the letter war tax." In con-

SETS

1912, Argentine, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 20c .08
1905, Chile, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 50c12
1902, Guatemala, 1c-2p, 10 var.20
1887-92, N. Borneo, 8c-10c, 9 var.30
1911, Paraguay, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c unused .. .14
1909, Peru, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 20, 50c12
1908-14, Roumania, 1b-40b, 10 var.08
1907, Roumania Charity, 3, 5, 10, 15b10
1893, Salvador, 2, 5p unused12
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5c vermilion (beaver)05
1872, 6c yellow brown05
1873, 5c slate green03
1882, 3c black02
5c gray02
1892, 50c deep blue10
8c gray04
8c slate04
1897, (Maple Leaves), 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c .. .04
8c orange05
1898, (Numerals), 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c03
6c brown15
8c orange10
10c brown violet06
2c Maps, 2 varieties03
1899, 2c on 3c carmine, 2 varieties03
1903, King Edward set complete, 7 var.20
1908, Quebec Tercentenary, 1c & 2c .. .02
5c blue05
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10 1852, 10c bistre, very fine 2.00
36 1863, 5fr gray lilac, three perfs. on lower right side clipped, otherwise fine 2.25
* 3 Grenada, 1860, 1p green, fine 1.50
* 32 1888, 4p on 2s 3.25
1 Italy, 5c black, 1851, a very fine used copy 5.50
1 Natal 1857, 3p rose, used 3.25
2 1857, 6p green, used 11.00
Cut a little irregular but in good shape, genuine originals.
* 57 Natal 1878, 5s rose, fine, mint 2.00
* 3 P. E. Isl. 1861, 6p yell. grn., perf. 9 3.50
4 Montserrat, 1876, 6p green 1.00
22 Switzerland, 1850, 5r fine, used 1.50
23 1850, 10r used20
24 1850, 5r used30
25 1852, 15r used 1.25
27 1852, 15r used 2.00

We have only one copy of each, cannot send on approval, but if not satisfactory they are of course returnable and money refunded.

We have received a good number of Want Lists to fill from the collection we recently got and are filling them as fast as we can in the order received. There are a lot of fine XIX Cent. stamps in it and we would be pleased to receive your want lists. References are necessary.

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STAMP AUCTIONS
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sequence a few of the Inland Revenue,
1c orange, were used on the 15th April,
1915, together with a postage stamp to
pay letter War Tax. I have one such
in my collection, sent from a Brantford
bank. On the succeeding day, all so
stamped were returned or sent to the
Dead Letter Office, and the Post Office
Department announced that they would
not be accepted.

Revenue Used as Postage.

1c orange, used 15th Apl. '15, with postage
stamp.

In response to many inquiries and sug-
gestions, in one of which the French Red
Cross stamps were submitted as a sim-
ilar case, the Department issued in Janu-
ary, 1916, a 3c stamp, combining Postage
and War Tax. These have been coming
in several shades, due no doubt to the
scarcity of inks, owing to the war.

*Postage Plus War Tax. 3c, 1Tc, in
white outline caps, on 2c.*
2c plus 1c, carmine, Perf. 12.
2c plus 1c, carmine, Perf. imperf. x 8.
Coil stamp.

The stamp in booklet form is under
consideration.

This issue was accompanied by a cir-
cular stating the reason for the new is-
sue, the demand for one stamp for do-
mestic letters instead of two, and also
stating that ordinary postage stamps or
War Tax Postage Stamps could still be
accepted for either Postage or War Tax.

The same circular warned postmasters
not to accept any of the Inland Revenue
Issues for prepayment of letters or War
Tax.

TWO BRATTLEBORO AT AUCTION.

Two postage stamps were sold at auc-
tion, April 10, in the rooms of the Col-
lectors' Club, 30 East Forty-Second
Street, for \$1,730. Both had been is-
sued by the postmaster of Brattleboro,
Vt., in 1846, one year before the United
States Government made its first postal
issue. The stamps are of exceeding
rarity, and their value was enhanced by
the fact that they were both canceled and
on the original envelopes. The canceled
copies of these early Postmasters' issues
are much rarer than the unused copies.

They were sold separately. The first
brought \$890 and the second \$840. The
prices were the highest that had been
paid for a postage stamp this season at
public sale, and the highest that a
Brattleboro stamp ever brought at auc-
tion, the last copy bringing \$710.

The stamps were sold by J. C. Mor-
genthau & Co. They were on envelopes
that had contained letters sent in Sep-
tember, 1846, to the late Judge L. B.
Woodruff, a lawyer of this city. On his
death, several years ago, they were dis-
covered by his son in the office safe, and
again stowed away and forgotten until
the latter's son, a short time ago, in
overhauling the old papers, found them.
and sent them to Mr. Morgenthau for
sale. Both stamps were in prime condi-

CANADA. Cat. Net
1868, 3c red15 .08
1897, 8c dark violet30 .20
1897, 10c brown violet35 .23
1912, 50c black brown15 .07

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Tobago 1883, 1p brown, No. 14, Cat. .6022
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1886, 1/2 on 2 1/2 No. 24, Cat. .7533
1886, 1/2 on 6p, No. 26, Cat. .8537
2 1/2 on 4p, No. 29, Cat. \$1.5063
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tion and lightly canceled. Less than
twenty genuine canceled copies are
known, and they are among the prizes
every large collector of United States
stamps tries to obtain.

A New York Postmaster's stamp of
1845, the large five-cent black copy,
which was also found among Judge
Woodruff's papers on the original letter,
sold for \$185.—N. Y. Times.

PRECANCEL NOTES.

By LEWIS E. HOOD.

An interesting feature of this phila-
telic side line is the usual scarcity of
issues from nearby cities in collections.
How many precancel collectors in
Eastern Mass. have complete sets from
Hyde Park, Salem or Gloucester?

"Lynn, Mass." has been a prolific user
of precancels of all values but only the
lower values are common while many of
the higher are very scarce.

"Portland, Me." is scarcer here than
is "Portland, Oregon." "Tacoma, Wash."
is fairly common, but where are any but
the lower values of "Worcester, Mass"?
Very complete collections of "San Fran-
cisco, Cal." are seen, but no complete
"Northampton, Mass." (and this is one
of the most varied and interesting sets).
I wonder if this same condition is not
true elsewhere.

Beverly, Mass., is at last on the pre-
cancel map. Last December, the post
office issued precancels of all values of
the regular issue up to 10c. Also the 15,
20, and 25c parcel post and the 1, 2, 3 and
5c postage dues, in regulation type. All
values are found normal and the 1, 2, 4,
5, 7 and 10c inverted.

The 7 and 9c regular and 15c parcel
post were also issued reading up and
the 10c reading down—specimens of
these are exceedingly rare.

Salem, Mass., has issued all values up
to 30c in regular type using small capital
letters. A few weeks ago I secured part
of a cover used by a large mail order
house mailed with a strip of three 10c
regular type and a pair of 3c precanceled
in very large capital letters, reading up,
and with the "A" in "Mass." omitted on
both stamps. It is a very interesting
pair.

Recently in looking over a lot of old
"Chicago, Ill." precancels I found a 5c,
1902, issue with bars and "Illinois" nor-
mal, but with "Chicago" in a semi-circle
not unlike the well-known "Cincinnati."

A local collector has a curious "Boston
Mass." 1c, 1902, cancelled with lines
forming small squares, the horizontal
lines being some heavier than the verti-
cal.

Precancel collectors are greatly handi-
capped from lack of a catalogue. It is
to be hoped that this will be remedied
at no distant day.

U. S., UNUSED PERFECT.
No. 228 30c black60
Parcel Post 1-25c 1.25
Parcel Post \$1 1.20
Parcel Post Dues70

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Luxemburg 1892, 10c, 12c, 20c, 25c, 37c,
50c, 1f, mint blocks of 4, set 3.25
Mexico 1892, 5 peso carmine, mint 15.00
1892, 10 peso carmine, mint 25.00
St. Pierre & Miquelon 25c on 1fr, No. 7b,
inverted sur., used 12.50
25c on 1fr, No. 8, mint 10.00
25c on 1fr, No. 8b, used 10.00
Uruguay 1881, 1c, pair, imperf. vertically,
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1907, 2kr rose, No. 7650 .23
1909, 2kr rose, No. 8135 .10
1911, 1kr green, No. 9313 .05
1911, 1 1/2kr blue, No. 9440 .17
1914, 20c blue (pictorial) No. 9710 .04
Sweden 1891, 5k blue75 .37
Denmark 1913, 5k red (fine) No. 94 1.25 .55
1913, 50c claret, No. 9505 .03
1913, 1k brown, No. 9610 .04
1875, 6c blue and rose* No. 9760 .27
Iceland 1876, 20a violet* No. 13 1.00 .35
1901, 25a brown & blue, No. 3150 .23
1902, 16a, No. 5650 .23
1902, 100a, No. 68* 2.00 .60
1902, Off. 16a, No. 17750 .20

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Br. East Africa 1890, 1/4-1r* good
set cheap. 1.50 .75

Br. East Africa 1890, 1/4-brupes cpl.
mint, nice set 6.00 2.75

Mexico 1916, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10c rou-
letted*. The new set00

Mexico 1916, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c pin perf.*
The new set00

Mexico 40c Map* (new set)00

Mexico 1p brown & black (new set)17

Mexico 1915, 50c* like No. 412 (420)35

Mexico 1915, 1p* like No. 412 (421)75

Mexico 5 peso No. 372* rarity 7.50

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EDITORIAL.

Statement—At intervals, we receive from readers, proposals that we start subscription lists designed to appeal to our subscribers for the collection of funds for relief work on account of the war. While we applaud the intentions of those who make the requests, we feel that we may dutifully decline to act upon them. It is needless for us to say that our course is not shaped by any lack of sympathy for the cause but on account of our opinion that collectors may do fuller and more direct good by patronizing the funds under expert administration that are always open for contributions. Having had a bit of practical experience in collecting money for relief work of the kind, we feel that our position is taken advisedly. It is known that stamp collectors have contributed generously to the relief funds and it is certain that they will continue to do so.

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Babu—The following example of Babu composition is submitted by a stamp dealer as having come from a correspondent in the Philippines. The writer certainly deserves the price-list: "In favoritism, I suggest to your attention that please send me without obligation on my part. Cordially, Sir, I suggest to the eternal of your heart that please send me small book, that small book we call in Latin 'Libretum' or in Spanish 'Libreto'. . . . This book is for the pocket. Send me very soon as possible, Thank before hand."

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Trifling—"I write to convey the soul-stirring information that at the Palace Theatre, Chicago, Adele Rowland is assisted in her act by 'Dave Stamper at the Piano.' Is business slow enough to warrant you to make a feature out of this bit of bijouterie?" asks a discerning reader. We are pleased to meet Mr. Stamper who heretofore has existed only in the minds of the philatelic humorist. "Stamps" is (or was) a race-horse, a minister of the gospel, a town in Arkansas; and "Stampalia" is an ocean steamer. We think that Mr. Stamper is entitled to a place in this list of distinguished philatelists.

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PRICE ON APPLICATION.

EUGENE KLEIN, 1318 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Warning—From *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News*, we take a warning that an offering of the current Falkland Islands stamps surcharged South Georgia has been made both in London and Paris; and that undoubtedly the overprint is a bogus one as it has not been authorized officially. This overprint was made, in view of this disclaimer, for a raid on the purses of collectors and the issue is placed in the class of the German South West Africa overprinted G. R. I. Aside from the specific value of this information, it points a moral that collectors should closely scrutinize bargains in war provisionals that are not offered by reputable persons.

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Miscanceled—In sending a thirteen cent of the 1902 issue, U. S., Mr. Julien Coblenz, Astoria, Oregon, says: "Ever since I have had this stamp I have tried to have some one decipher for me the surcharged cancellation on it, without avail. It may be of some interest to you to see a stamp such as this one." This precanceled stamp is an exceptional one as it does not have the attribute of precanceled stamps generally or a clear indication of the office of origin. From close examination of the jumbled inscription, we conclude that "Chicago, Illinois" is the precancellation, in the form of a slip print or double print.

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Sundry—Canada is employing a censorship on mails addressed to this country. We have seen the label "Censored" on letters and the stamped censor impression on unsealed mail. The parcel post service between the Netherlands and the United States has been suspended, "existing conditions being such that the parcel post service with the Netherlands can not be conducted as provided by the parcel-post convention." The Mexican stamps with the new surcharge that we illustrated last week are coming in the mails but it is apparent that the use of this surcharge is not confined to "obsolete" issues.

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Patience—Almost a year ago, Mr. C. G. Gardner of Jackson, Michigan, submitted for inspection a two cent brown, 1883, showing "cap" on the right side of the numeral 2. At the time, we wrote when returning the stamp to Mr. Jackson: "The variation is an interesting one, but we are of the opinion that the marking is not the result of a defect in the plate as in the case of the capped two cent of the 1890 issue. A dry paper print or a 'blister' of color could account for the variety. Should another variety of the kind be found, we could proceed on the assumption that your discovery was a 'real' variety." Under date of April 17th, 1916, Mr. Gardner addresses us: "I have finally found another variety of the same kind and am

enclosing it for your inspection and I should be pleased if you will again favor me with an opinion after viewing the two copies." We are impressed with the perseverance and enterprise of our correspondent in not resting content until he brought to bear contributory evidence on his discovery. We dismiss coincidence as having accounted for two specimens with the "abutment" at the right of the 2 on our theories as first given and say that Mr. Gardner has found a genuine variety whose permanence he has established. This cap was created by conditions approximately that brought forth the caps of the two cent, 1890, no doubt.

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Instructed—Under date of April 20, 1916, the department at Washington issued the order: "Reports received by the Department indicate that many postmasters when returning mail to the sender fail to deface the precanceled postage stamps affixed thereto, as required by Article 38, page 52, July, 1915, Postal Guide. Postmasters are, therefore, requested to read this article carefully and comply strictly therewith."

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Cervantes—The Spanish stamp papers are giving space to descriptions of the forthcoming issue to memorialize the death of Cervantes Saavedra, who died April 23, 1616, the same day on which Shakespeare passed away. In 1905, the Don Quixote set appeared to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the publication of the first part of Don Quixote and in consequence philately was enriched by a series of scenes based on incidents described in the first book that for humorous piquancy are unique in our pursuit. There will be twelve values in the new set and the two centimos will have Cervantes' portrait after Jauregui and, to go to the other extreme, the ten pesetas will depict "The court of the governor of Barataria" where Sancho Panza is the chief ornament. Only the sternest mind will disapprove this exaltation of Cervantes, who, it is needless to say, belongs to the world and who it is said is one of its five indispensable authors.

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Financial—A collector tells us: "We stamp collectors consort with kings who are familiar to us through their association with stamps but lately I have been hobnobbing with a money king. Anyway, I have the civil war revenue issue, one dollar inland exchange, perforated, with the neat rubber-stamp cancellation, 'Rockefeller & Andrews, Cleveland, Ohio, —, 1866.'" Here is a chance for our friend to send John D. a memento of his early days when life, we assume, had a broad horizon, as we believe "Rockefeller & Andrews" was the beginning of his commercial career.

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—Last week, we illustrated the most recent surcharge used in the wilds of Mexico. We are indebted to A. W. Foster for a specimen of the 5c orange with the surcharge as illustrated in blue. In the specimen submitted it is printed vertically. Mr. Foster writes that he has seen the 10c value with the same surcharge in red, on the \$ overprint.

—H. B. Mason submits an English circular which is very interesting reading, but lacks any kind of information as to the name and address of the sender.

—Herman W. Boers, duplicating a kindness of 1912, sends us some Feb. 29, 1916, postmarks and indicates a possibility of their scarceness some time in the future. He thinks it possible that by 1920 there may be a "new issue."

—To anyone interested in war covers we can especially recommend a price-list just at hand from W. T. Wilson of Birmingham, England. The advertisements of Mr. Wilson in the WEEKLY in the months gone by have reflected his activity in this direction, and the list is a very interesting one.

—The Foye Stamp Co., answering a query in these columns states that R. L. Newton is without doubt at 1928 Swift St., Jacksonville, Fla., although he is very slow at answering communications. The company states that a registered letter secured the desired information, though the results were no more satisfactory than negotiations conducted by ordinary mail. The Foye Co. would like information as to the whereabouts of Wm. Schwem, who has done business under the firm name of the Schwem Stamp Co., 1532 E. Marquette Rd., Chicago, Ill.

—At the last meeting of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society H. P. Young and A. Silveira were elected members. Warren H. Colson exhibited his collection of Confederate locals together with a fine collection of standard rarities.

—We have been favored with specimens of the literature sent out by the Winnipeg Stamp Club exploiting stamp collecting. The specimens submitted by O. Kendall are of considerable merit and Mr. Kendall advises us that the publicity campaign is meeting with success.

—The U. S. Consul at Hamilton, Bermuda, in current "Commerce Reports" gives some statistics in connection with the report of the Colonial Postmaster of Bermuda. We are indebted to D. D. Berolzheimer for extracts.

—The autograph collection of the late Howard K. Sanderson of Lynn, Mass., will be sold at the Anderson Galleries, N. Y. City, next week. Mr. Sanderson was noted not only as a collector and dealer in rare postage stamps, but also American autographs particularly of the Revolutionary period. He had a complete set of the signers of the Declaration of Independence with the exception of Button Gwinnett of Georgia, a very great rarity. In the Sanderson collection are letters by the governors of Massachusetts from the earliest times and no fewer than seventeen autograph letters of George Washington. It would take a couple columns of the WEEKLY to even mention the list of gems in this collection, including as it does documents by Ethan Allen, Thos. Jefferson, the Adamases, Hamilton, Paul Jones, etc.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from R. H. Perry, Mrs. G. V. Bowen

—Supplementing the news gleanings relating to the surcharge on the Mexican stamps illustrated last week, Wm. E. Dowser shows us a copy of the 10c stamp therein referred to and states that the 5c and 10c as described are the only ones he has yet seen.

COMMUNICATIONS.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

N. Y. CITY, April 19, 1916.

To the Editor:

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If it is not inconsistent with your rules I would like to explain to the readers of the WEEKLY that this service is one that attempts to supply serious collectors with all the various and in some cases extraordinary shades and varieties that this government is turning out. It is not so much the profit we care about, it is the attempt to satisfy and intensify, the interest in modern U. S. At this writing, April 17, we have 108 box holders—a striking tribute to the general interest in U. S. all over the country—we have box holders in Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii, Guatemala, etc. Considering that at the present moment in the perf. 10 or current issue we have no less than five shades of the 12c and seven shades of the 3c and over twelve shades of the 2c it is indeed time to nail these varieties whilst the nailing is good. If you consider this letter an advertisement destroy it—if you consider it of sufficient general interest to print—print it.

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The carbon tetrachloride I used was put out by the Mallinckrodt Chemical Works of St. Louis and New York City.

I am not a chemistry student and so don't attempt to give the chemical reasons for the results. I was merely concerned with the results alone. If Mr. Thorn Smith can tell me what the trouble is, I shall be very thankful to him.

Sincerely yours,

L. L. STEIMLEY,

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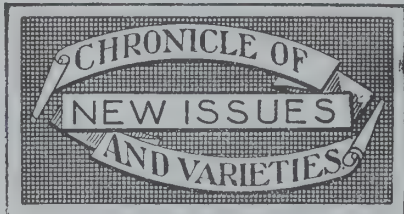
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UNITED STATES.—The following new issues and discoveries of U. S. envelopes are reported by J. M. Bartels:

B.No.	Denom.	Die.	Type.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Kn.
2133A	5c	A	3	white	15	80	
2506D	2c	D	v.5	4	white	18	84
2514A	5c	A	3	white	18	80	
2714	5c	B	5	white	18	87	

H. C. Biggers has shown us two freak perforations on current United States stamps. These are the 3c (no red back) perforated 12 at top and 10 at sides and bottom, and the 10c perforated 10 at top and left and 10 at right and bottom.

CANADA.—Forest A. Black sends us a couple of censored envelopes from Canada the first we have seen. One has the censor's label and number and the other simply the label, and a label in different type. Recent mail has disclosed a number of these censored envelopes, but in this particular case none are dated earlier than April 10, showing that the censoring of mail out of Canada is something new. This war has been prolific of varieties censored covers, and many collectors are taking up their collecting as an appropriate side line to go with Red Cross and other war covers.

D. C. Alexander also sends us information regarding the censored mail which has been recently coming through from Canada.

CANAL ZONE.—In enclosing a specimen of the new surcharged postage dues, red with a tall numeral in the centre, L. D. Van Valkenburgh writes that there is a rumor current among the Postoffice officials in the Zone that in the near future the Canal Zone will use a new issue of stamps, altogether doing away with the Panama surcharge. Mr. Van Valkenburgh reports having seen the three postage due stamps of 1915 overprinted in red, but without the central

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EGYPT.—The current official stamps of Egypt have appeared with a new type of overprint, the native characters being more like those on the issue of 1907, though the last character is neither a hook like the first issue, nor a straight line like the central issue, but has a crosspiece just below the top, making it appear like a sword. The second character is like the first issue, and like that projects under the first character, instead of being separated from it.

ITALY.—Offices in Tripoli.—Stamps for the Italian offices in Tripoli have now been provided by the Italian postal authorities. The *Stamp Lover* lists five regular postage, two Red Cross, two express letter, eight parcel post, eleven postage due and three official stamps, all overprinted "Libia."

JAMAICA.—Holloway & James have shown us a "war stamp" from Jamaica, the 3d King George stamp having been overprinted "War Stamp" in nonpareil Roman caps across the centre of the stamp—to speak exactly, right across the King's nose.

MEXICO.—Hermann Focke has shown us two covers from Mexico city, each with strips of three stamps, with the new overprint, as illustrated in No. 1321. The stamps used are in one case the 10c of the 1910 series, without other overprint, and in the other case the same stamp with black "Gobierno—\$—Constitucionalista", Scott's No. 406. Mr. Focke thinks the letters in the ornamental frame mean "Gobierno Provisional de Mexico", replacing the "Constitucionalista" and "Convencionalista" of the days gone by. All the 10c stamps have the overprint in red reading up at the left.

The George W. Linn Co. has shown us the 5c of the 1910 series, with the new overprint in blue reading down at the right. There is no other overprint. Mr. Linn also shows an unused copy of Scott's No. 406, with the new overprint. The overprinted stamps were found on letters from Mexico dated as early as April 8, 1916.

SERBIA.—We are informed by Otto Weismann that Bosnia stamps surcharged "Serbien" have appeared. The values surcharged are those ranging from 1 heller to 10 krone, and the stamps are issued by the Austro-Hungarian postal authorities.

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April 18, 1916.

The 356th (regular) meeting of the Society was called to order by Pres. Carpenter at 8.30 p. m. this evening. The usual reports were read and approved. The Supt. of Bourse reported that some of the members are careless and do not write their names in the spaces from which they have removed stamps. It was, therefore, voted that in the future, each member shall hand to the Supt. a slip signed by the member with the amount of the stamps taken by him.

The contest for the medal was won by Mr. A. P. Brown, his exhibit being Southern Nigeria. Second and third prizes (ribbons) were respectively won by Mr. Frank C. Cosby, who also exhibited Southern Nigeria, and by Pres. Carpenter with Portuguese Congo. The meeting adjourned at 10.30 p. m.

The President urges all who are not already members of the A. P. S. to join this society, and states that he will gladly sign the application of any member of the Boston Society who desires to join the National organization.

Don't forget the auctions at the Informal meetings!

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The N. Y. Stamp Society met April, 20. After regular meeting was disposed of, an auction sale took place, Mr Bartels donating stamps and Mr. Moye donating hand books which were sold to good advantage. Mr. Meininger winning the free drawing. Mr. Gray of Detroit was there and showed us some very interesting war cards from the front, such as post cards (military), prisoners, hospital, also the various charity and red cross issues and censor marks which ought to make a very nice showing in a collection. Twelve members were present. Next meeting May, 4, 1916.

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1913, \$2.00 blue and black, scarce			1.00
* EPIRUS, 1914, 25 and 50 lepta, Nos. 26 & 27, 2 scarce stamps, only			.35
GUADELOUPE, various issues, mostly picture stamps, 10 varieties, a very pretty little set, very cheap			.15
* HAYTI, 1916, new issue 1, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15c, beautiful bi-colored set of 6 var.			.55
* HONDURAS, 1915, \$0.20 on 50c brown "Official" (Type of 1911) a rare stamp, No. 298, not priced, only			2.50
1915, same as above, Block of 4, showing heavy \$ mark			.50
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1914, 1 yen green & maroon, this stamp is far scarcer than the catalog price would indicate, we have a few very nice copies at			.08
1915, "Coronation Jubilee" 1 1/2 sen black and carmine			.03
* COSTA RICA, 1901, 1c to 10 colons, complete set, 10 var. (Cat. \$4.02) reduced from \$1.50 to only			.82
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* 1908, Official, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 25, 50c, all mint, 7 vars.			1.25
* CRETE, 1908, 1, 2, 5 & 10 lepta, Nos. 40 to 43, 4 var. (Cat. 44c), only			.18
CUBA, 1914, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c			.09
DENMARK, Newspaper, 1 ore to 10kr complete (76)			.38
DOM. REP., 1904-05, 1 on 2c, 2c and 1c on 4c, Nos. 146, 147, 148, 3 var. (.60)			.24
1906, 1 on 4c, 1 on 10c, 2 on 5c, Nos. 161, 162, 163, (.68)			.25
1901, Post. Due, 2, 4, 5, 10c, Nos. 375-378, 4 var. (.44)			.16
1901, surcharged "1915", 1, 1, 2, 5c, 4 var.			.08
* CHINA, KEWKIANG, 1894, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 15 & 40c, 7 fine unused varieties, very cheap set			1.71
MEXICO, 1884, 50c, 1 & 2 pesos, Nos. 161, 162, 163, cheap set			.08
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U. S. LOCAL, BLOOD & CO., 1850, red on white, No. 2257, ENTIRE ENVELOPE very scarce, superb cover	5.00	1.98
* U. S. 1901, Pan-American Issue, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10c complete, mint, o. g., sheet (with full imprint) of each, price	60.00	
* 1901, Pan-American Issue, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10c complete, mint, o. g.	.60	
* 1901, Same as last, perfection Blocks of 4	2.40	
* 1902, 2c carmine, No. 301, mint, o. g.	.40	
* 1902, Same as last, Block of 4	.60	
* 1902, Same as last, Block of 25	3.75	
* 1904, Louisiana Purchase, 1, 2, 3, 5 & 10c, perfection, mint, o. g., Blocks of 4	1.25	
Parcel Post, 1912, 50c, fine	.50	
Parcel Post, 1912, 50c, good	.50	
Parcel Post, 1912, 50c, fair, only	.50	
Parcel Post, 1912, \$1.00 fine	1.00	
Same as last, good average copy	.30	
Same as last, initial or straight edge	.20	
Parcel Post Dues, 5c green, good copy	.10	

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* MEXICO, 1913, "Ejército" 1, 2, 5, 10 & 20c with talon, a very scarce set, Nos. 342 to 346	2.25	
* 1914, "Transitorio," 10c red	.12	.05
* 1914, "Transitorio," 20c brown	.23	.09
* 1914, "Transitorio," 50c claret	.40	.16
* 1914, "Transitorio," 1 peso violet	.75	.35
MEXICO, 1914, PROVIS. one-half of 10c used as 5c, on entire Envelope, Postmarked	?	.10
MEXICO, 1914, one-half of 20c brown used as 10c, on Envelope	?	.15
These last two Provisionals, both for only	?	.20
These are what are called "Cancelled by favor," the originals are quite rare, worth about \$2.00 net each!		
1914, Large G. C. M., violet surcharge, 1, 2, 5, 10c, 4 var., Y & T \$2.40	2.40	.60
1914, Large G. C. M., red surcharge, 1, 2, & 5c, 3 var., scarce	.50	
1914, Large G. C. M., green surcharge, 1c	.90	.20
1915, Provis. issue, used in the state of CHIHUAHUA, in 1915, surcharged "GOBIERNO CONSTITUCIONALISTA" ACROSS 4 STAMPS. We have a few strips of 4 of some of the values which are quite scarce.		
* 1c violet, STRIP OF 4, mint, o. g.	?	.50
* 2c green, STRIP OF 4, mint, o. g.	?	.40
* 3c orange brown, STRIP OF 4, mint, o. g.	?	.60
* MEXICO, 4c carmine, SINGLE STAMP, scarce, used!	?	1.25
* 5c orange, STRIP OF 4, mint, o. g.	?	.40
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* 20c red and blue, scarce, STRIP OF 4, mint, o. g.	?	1.25
* 50c brown and black, scarce, HORIZONTAL PAIR, mint, o. g.	?	2.00
* 1 peso blue and black, scarce, HORIZONTAL PAIR, mint, o. g.	?	3.00
* 5 peso carmine and black, very RARE HORIZONTAL PAIR	?	7.50
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MEXICO JUAREZ (Chih) surcharges, Gob. Const. in double circle. We have a few (very few) pairs and blocks of these left. On approval or prices on application!

Mexico LEON (Nueva Leon) surcharged "Gob. Cons." We have a few of these some used, but mostly unused, very scarce. Prices on application. Will send on Approval.

AGUASCALIENTES, surcharged A. M. and Gob. Const. in circle 15, 50c, 1 peso all unused. Price on application!

* MEXICO, 1914, "Coach Seal" Oct. 1914, issue, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 & 50c	.42	.18
1914, "Coach Seal", 20c orange, blue & black, Error	1.00	.28
Same as last tete beche, block of 4	4.00	1.25
* 1914, "Gob. \$ Cons.", 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15 & 20c (Y. & T. \$1.20)	1.20	.22
* 1914, "Gob. \$ Cons.", 50c brown and black, No. 409, (Y. & T. \$1.50) cheap!	.80	.25
* 1914, "Gob. \$ Cons.", 1p blue and black, No. 410, Y. & T. \$1.50, cheap!	1.50	.50
* 1914, "Gob. \$ Cons.", same as last, used, scarce	1.50	.00
* 1914, "Gob. \$ Cons.", 5p carmine & blk., No. 411, a rare stamp, Y. & T. \$7.50	7.50	2.25
Of the above we can furnish a few Blocks of 4 (unused only) at the same rate.		
* "VILLA ISSUE" Interlaced Monogram, 2, 3, 5c, Nos. 413, 414, 418, Y. & T. \$2.50	.52	.05
* "VILLA ISSUE" 1915, 50c brown & black No. 420, a rare stamp	?	1.25
* "VILLA ISSUE" 1915, 1p blue and black, No. 421, a very scarce stamp	?	2.50
* "Carranza Issue" Small G. C. M., Script Type, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15 & 20c, Nos. 425 to 430, Y & T \$1.14	1.14	.46
* "Carranza Issue" 1915, regular set, Portrait issue, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 10c "Rouletted"	?	.10
* "Carranza Issue" 1915, 40c blue "Map" used or unused	?	.08
* "Carranza Issue" 1915, 1p brn. & blk. "Vera Cruz Lighthouse" used or un'd	?	.15
* "Carranza Issue" Perforated set, 2, 5 & 10c, 3 var.	?	.05
* 1915, Madero set, ordered by Villa, but not issued. We have a few complete sets 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c perforated at		.25
* 1915, Madero Set, same as last, imperf. set		.50
* 1915, Madero Set, same as last, imperf. pairs		1.00
* 1910, Regular Federal Issue Unsurcharged. By far the largest part of this issue was surcharged during the month of March "G. P. D. M." We have a small supply of them and we believe that this issue in unused condition is going to be good property. We offer a few sets as follows: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15 & 20c Nos. 310 to 317, 8 var.	.71	.20
1910, Same as last, 50c brown and black, No. 318	.40	.13
1910, Same as last, 1p blue and black, No. 319	.75	.25
1910, Same as last, 5p carmine and black, No. 320, a very scarce stamp...	3.75	1.25
A few blocks four at same rate!		
* 1911, OFFICIAL, 1c to 1 peso, all mint, o. g., unused, price Y & T \$8.25.	8.25	1.48
* 1910, OFFICIAL, 5 peso carmine and black, No. 675, mint, o. g., a VERY SCARCE STAMP, price unused by Y & T at \$15.00, fine well centered copy, only	15.00	3.75
* 1915, OFFICIAL, Carranza Set Rouletted, surcharge Handstamped, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10c complete. This is a scarce Provis. set and was only in use a very short time		.75
* 1915, OFFICIAL, Same set as last, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 10c, OFFICIAL Typographed, very scarce set	?	.75
* 1915-10, OFFICIAL, Same set as last Perforated, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 10c	?	.25

* MEXICO, 1914, "Postage Due Surcharges"

The following three sets seem to be quite scarce, especially the Gob. \$ Cons. and Villa Surcharge. We had quotations from dealers in Mexico asking from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per set wholesale. We picked up a few sets at a special price direct from the Postmaster General and will offer them at the following prices which are subject to change without notice, but if we are obliged to make a change in the price, it will mean an advance.

* MEXICO, 1908, "Postage Due" 1, 2, 4, 5 and 10c complete, (Nos. 701-704) scarce	.35	
* MEXICO, 1914, "Postage Due" surcharged "GOBIERNO \$ CONSTITUCIONALISTA" 1, 2, 4, 5 and 10c complete (Nos. 705 to 709), mint o. g., a scarce set	1.00	
* MEXICO, 1915, "Postage Due" "Carranza G. C. M." surcharge, 1, 2, 4, 5 and 10c complete (Nos. 710 to 714) mint, o. g., a scarce set	.75	
* MEXICO, 1915, "Postage Due" "VILLA" Interlaced monogram "G. C. M.", surcharge, 1, 2, 4, 5 & 10c complete, a very scarce set	1.50	

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By WM. L. STEVENSON.

FOREWORD.

While some details remain to be cleared up, study of the fundamentals regarding the issued grills seems so nearly complete that a compilation of the apparent facts appears proper. Further study is needed of the existing essays and samples, of the grills made by the Continental Bank Note Co., and study of minor details of all kinds is still open to those interested.

This article pretends to deal only with the issued grills except where reference seems necessary to other existing embossings. With this material in the hands of all interested collectors, it seems impossible that anything further of interest can long escape investigation.

The cuts here used are not intended to be portraits of anything whatever found in connection with the actual grills. They are drawings made to assist collectors in understanding the text and in making mental pictures of the details referred to.

All of the actually issued grills are the product of the National Bank Note Co. from 1867 to 1872 inclusive. They therefore appear on the designs of the issue of 1861 and on the issues of 1869 and 1870. The first of these periods is generally called the issue of 1867 and this designation should be continued.

CHAPTER I.

Issue of 1867.

Before discussing them, I will here list those known in this period with their identifying characteristics. The dimensions in the first column are the actual numbers of units of embossing in the rows each way (the horizontal given first as is customary). The (*) or (**) indicate a row or two rows of incomplete units, at one or at both sides of the rectangle in the indicated direction.

For the sake of the comparison, the second column gives the approximate sizes in millimeters of some of the rectangles. The reason for the confusion between grill sizes when listed as a paper area, as in the catalogue, is thus readily seen. It does not and cannot differentiate between families of grills.

In general, by families is meant those grills which have a common origin in one cylinder at one time, and which, therefore, occur in pair together (or in blocks). Except for the B and C grills (which may come from a common cylinder) members of two families of grills cannot exist in pair.

The different families of grills are due to intentional action on the part of the officials concerned. The variations within each family are in general due to unintentional (and largely unimportant) variations from the normal they were trying to produce at the time.

LIST OF THE GRILLS OF 1867 ISSUE.

A Grill. Biscuit grill, points up. From female cylinder. Grill covers entire stamp.

B Grill. Biscuit grill, points up. Length of rectangle horizontal. Apparently

INVERTED CENTRES OF 1869

The 15c, 24c and 30c of this issue would be worth about \$7500.00 unused if you could get them at all. We have these stamps also the 90c inverted in proof form, on cardboard, and should be pleased to quote to collectors who might desire to secure one of the very few sets available. There were originally 100 sets but a good proportion of these have been sold.

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21*x18* 17x14 1/2 mm.
21*x19 17x15 mm.
21 x17* 17x14 mm.

(Note. I have yet to see a rectangle 18x15 mm.)

C Grill. Biscuit grill, points up. Length of rectangle vertical. Apparently from same cylinder as B grill and at same time. Units identical with A and B grills.

17 x19* 13 1/2 x16 mm.
17*x18* 13x16 mm.
16*x20 12 1/2 x17 mm.
16 x21 12 1/2 x16 mm.
16 x20 12 1/2 x16 mm.

D Grill. Cross grill, points down. From male cylinder (as are all following grills). Ridges of units run lengthways the stamp and rectangle.

15x18 12x14 1/2 mm.
15x17** 12x14 mm.

E Grill. Cross grill, points down. Same general characteristics as D grill.

14x17* 11x14 mm.
14x17 11x13 mm.
14x16** 11x13 mm.
14x16 11x12 1/2 mm.
14x15** 11x12 1/2 mm.

F Grill. Cross grill, points down. Same general characteristics as D and E grills.

12 x17* 9x14 mm.
12 x17 9x13 mm.
12 x16** 9x13 mm.
12 x16 8 1/2 x13 1/2 mm.
12 x15** 8 1/2 x13 1/2 mm.
11*x17 8 1/2 x13 1/2 mm.
11*x16** 8 1/2 x13 1/2 mm.

Z Grill. Cross grill, points down. Units similar to those of the D, E, and F grills but ridges of units run across both rectangle and stamp. Rectangles vary in both dimensions.

14 x18 11x14 mm.
13**x18 11 1/2 x13 1/2 mm.
14 x17* 11 1/2 x13 1/2 mm.
13**x17 11 1/2 x13 1/2 mm.

While it is necessary to thus observe and record, as above, all the sizes found in each family, the normal collection needs but one representative of each family in each value on which it occurs. The addition of other variations is, of course, optional to the collector, but listing of all of the variations as varieties in a check-list would be quite extreme.

Note the complete range of lengths in the E and F families, continuous between the longest and the shortest found. Further observation can hardly add to these except at the ends of the lists.

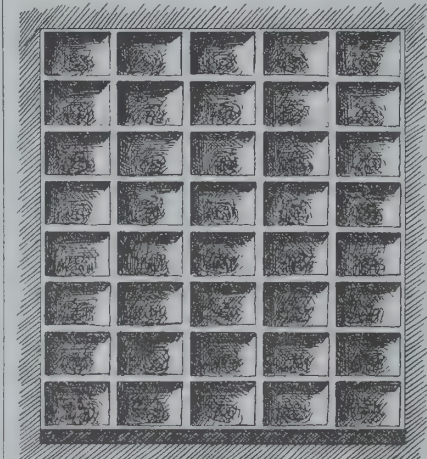
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with the normals 12 wide and belongs to this F family.

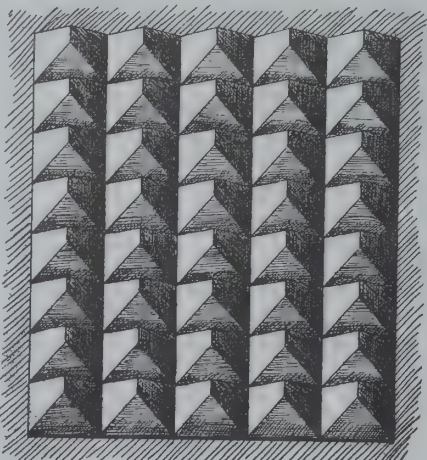
CHAPTER II.

The 1867 Grill Units and Cylinders.

The A, B, and C grills all show the Biscuit-units. The D, E, F, and Z grills all show the Cross-grill-units. The former all come from the one female cylinder. The latter come from following male cylinders.



No. 1



No. 2

These cuts illustrate what is meant by female and male grills. The upper, or the one at the left, shows the female, and the lower, or the one at the right, the male. No attempt is here made to picture any particular grill. It is the essential difference that is to be impressed.

The first cylinder was a female cylinder, originally covered with small pyramidal pits running in rows directly around the cylinder and directly lengthways. From this condition of this cylinder comes the A grill. The pits were spaced approximately 1-32 inch apart on centers and so closely spaced that but narrow ridges were left between rows of pits. When this cylinder was run over

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1909, Peru, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 20, 50c	.12
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1911 2c de g lemon	.02
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obviate the necessity of using the can-
celling machine. This method is already
used in Bavaria and in New Zealand,
while the German field post has taught
the people of Germany that the change
is entirely practicable. "The postage
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EDITORIAL.

Military—The mail from our troops in Mexico at first was postmarked Columbus, New Mexico, and was unstamped; consequently, two cents' postage due was collected on each letter at its destination. Now, from the interior of Mexico the soldiers' mail bears Mexican stamps or at any rate a letter just received from an officer and postmarked at a point in Chihuahua, April 24th, 1916, has the 10 centavos blue, Juarez, perforated. Judging from the opening paragraph of our correspondent's letter, the "field post office" has not been placed in operation: "There is a chance that I might get a letter off on the railroad train that may be in tonight but it is not certain as I have no Mexican stamps and I shall have to give this to one of the crew or to a passenger if there should be any."

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Mutilation—Quoth a veracious correspondent: "Even in his most hectic moments, Count Lapp de Booz never was accused of the following astounding offense. I was visiting a neighbor whose son, about sixteen years of age, hearing that I was 'a great stamp collector' brought out his collection which in some respects proved to be a very fair one. A peculiarity about it that riveted my attention was that all of the portrait stamps had the eyes pin-holed; and when I inquired into this amazing condition, the mother chirped: 'O, it is so strange about Filbert. Ever since he was the tiniest tot, he has delighted in pricking out the eyes of people in pictures and I can't break him of the habit. Isn't it odd?' The boy stood by sheepishly and I hadn't the heart to say what my feeling was in that organ."

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Climax—We have told the story of the down-state collector who ordered the two and five dollar of a preceding issue from a large Chicago firm with whom

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he was on close terms of business intimacy, only to have the accommodating house carefully pin each of the stamps to the letter of advice, but only recently did we hear that the story had a sequel. The disappointed collector finally disposed of the two worthless stamps, so far as collecting purposes were concerned, in some way or other, and he wrote a second time to the Chicago firm giving strict injunctions that the stamps were not to be pinned to or stuck down on the card that he enclosed, in any way. This time the stamps were attached to the approval card that was sent as a cautionary measure by two strong clips. The clips indented the stamps so as to spoil their freshness, even though they did not ruin them. In having non-philatelists perform services for them, collectors must give explicit instructions that will cover all danger spots; and then it is likely that there will be a vulnerable place in the armor.

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Odd—From Mr. Francis Allan Wheeler, New Castle, Pennsylvania, we have the following account of a curious cancellation: "In re to the various cancellations on the three cent green, United States, I have two in my collection canceled with a railroad ticket stamp such as are used now for dating tickets. These bear the name: 'Pitts, Oil Creek & Buffalo Ry., Jan.—1879, Hickory,' in a circle around the date. My relatives who live at Hickory told me that the post office was at the railroad station and that they used the ticket stamp for the canceling of stamps but in my search over several hundred different lots of family correspondence, I have found only these two covers. If any one is interested in seeing them, I will be glad to show them upon satisfactory guarantee of return."

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Asset—A contemporary reports that "a prominent dealer" discoursed recently on the subject of small dealers and that "instead of looking upon them as competitors who would possibly threaten his business, he spoke of them as a real help to him." Forsooth. There is no place for snobbery in commercial circles of philately and the big dealer who condemns the small dealer merely on the score of competition is insufferably petty. The only possible objection that could be waged against the small dealer is that his lack of stamp knowledge and of business methods might have a tendency upon occasion to belittle the importance of the stamp business as a whole. This is a consideration of some weight but it is unprogressive to decry the small dealer on that basis and the philosophic will not do so. The idea should be to assist the small dealer to greater philatelic and business knowledge. Some time ago, we heard a dealer who by disposition was exclusive and by training intolerant of business ignorance say that it was well to encourage the small dealer for the benefit of philately as a whole and he is fair enough not to let personal bias enter the question. Too, it was only a few months ago that the oldest of dealers came out with words of unmeasured praise for the stamp speculator who in the past was regarded with raised eye-brows but who now is lauded as adding wholesomely to philately's activities. The narrowness that once characterized philately and its followers is almost gone forever.

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Politics—The editor of the *Stamp Trade* says that the "staff of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS has been dipping into the world of politics lately" and he speaks of Mr. Wylie's defeat for the mayoralty of Beverly by a dozen votes or so. He adds: "C. E. Severn . . .

contemplates devoting considerable of his time during the coming campaigns to spellbinding in the interests of his party candidates." Mr. Samuel M. Hamilton, who published a stamp paper down in Illinois about twenty years ago was a candidate recently for alderman in Chicago. Mr. Hamilton took his degree in philatelic politics years ago when he ran unsuccessfully for the presidency of the old Philatelic Sons of America. It was natural that Mr. Hamilton in his recent contest received the support of philatelic editors, but even so, there could not have been enough of them though their number, past and present, is supposed to be legion, for Mr. Hamilton was not victorious.

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Monopoly—We have had an inquiry from a reader who says that he has heard that there is a movement on foot to form a stamp trust and he wishes to know if any credence may be attached to the report. While we have been told of activities in the stamp market yet any tale of a combination that would have far-reaching effect on the commerce of philately is so far-fetched as to be dismissed without serious comment. At times in the past, the bugaboo of "trust" has appeared but really there has been no foundation for any belief that a "combine" would be affected. In 1897, when the American Promotion Company of New York was soliciting stock subscription for a large stamp company, the prospectus of the promoters said that plans were on foot to buy up stocks held here and there but there was no result of appreciable extent; and even then, no vestige of a "trust" appeared on the horizon.

JAMAICA WAR STAMPS.

By HARRY E. HUBER.

(We are indebted to R. E. Hooghkirk, secretary of the Edgewood Stamp Co., for a specimen copy of the war stamp described in the following article by Mr. Huber.—Ed.)

Jamaica has at last fallen into line with Canada, New Zealand, Fiji, etc., in the matter of taxing mail matter—this to help along the finances so seriously affected by the European war.

In the latter part of 1915 a Red Cross label was issued by one of the charitable societies of Jamaica. This was printed in red, and showed in the lower part of the stamp a Genevan Cross. In the upper part appeared an aeroplane above some clouds. The stamp was sold for 1/2d, and the amount realized divided equally between the Red Cross and Aeroplane funds. The stamp had no postal value. Later, this same stamp was overprinted in black "Jamaica."

Two overprinted postage stamps have now been issued, the 1/2d green, Arms type, and the 3d, George, purple on yellow (surfaced). The overprint "War Stamp," in black in capital letters is printed horizontally, and measures 18x 1 1/2 mm. The 1/2d is a tax on all letters, and the 3d is for use on parcels, both to and from abroad.

The 3d on surface colored paper will be but short-lived, as the numbers on hand for surcharging purposes were not great. Recent supplies of the 3d stamp sent to the Island have been on the new lemon yellow paper.

The 1/2d contains an error—one stamp in a sheet of 240 has no period after "Stamp." Scattered over the sheet are minor varieties caused by the space type having raised, become inked, and naturally leaving its impress on the stamp. I have seen this in front of "W," and after the period, and have heard of it between the two words "War" and "Stamp."

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—At the meeting of the new stamp club in Cincinnati on April 26, Gustave Mosler spoke on "The War Stamps of the European Nations". Four new members were admitted. Next meetings May 9 and 23 at the Gibson House.

—Some weeks ago we noted the current 2c U. S., in a plum shade, quoting from a letter received from Ralph Norton of N. Y. City. We have seen the stamp and would like to have it passed upon by an expert before accepting it. We gave this stamp such a standing with our previous news mention that we feel it best to thus qualify our original chronicle.

—The *Philatelic Sun* is a "new one" from Lynn, Mass., and will be published monthly by the Essex Publishing Co. The managing editor is E. L. Clark, who has achieved considerable fame through his labors in philatelic journalism. The new magazine gives every indication of a successful future.

—Paul Dillingham informs us that a member of the "Canadian Contingent" sent him a bunch of picture cards from the battle front "somewhere in France or Belgium." The letter came first class but instead of getting the cards he received a printed slip from the Postal Censorship Department advising him that "pictorial postcards addressed to neutral countries are stopped by the Censor."

—The American Stamp Dealers' Association was recently incorporated under the state laws of Michigan. Several new members have been recently added.

—A new branch of the S. P. A. is being formed at Bethlehem, Pa. Anyone interested should write H. M. Fry, 124 N. 7th Ave., West Side, Bethlehem.

—"That poor Goetz exchanged a perfectly good \$5 bill with the firm of Jose Oviedo y Hijo, of Costa Rica, for some specified stamps and received in their stead 23 ounces of coffee! The last-mentioned incident was quite hard enough to bear, but the worst was yet to come. He wrote to his friend Jose, attempting to explain the difficulty, and received the intelligent information that all that was necessary to straighten out the matter was to forward another five."—*Philatelic Sun*.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from H. T. Wilcox (2), H. G. Burwick, J. F. Madden, Erwin L. Fischer and Fred C. Rollmann.

—The Sunday Magazine, supplement to the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch* of April 23, 1916, contained a feature article dealing with the collection of F. R. Cornwall of that city. The article occupies an entire page and is attractively illustrated. A prominent place is given a large picture of Mr. Cornwall.

—We have received from Arthur W. Kade a cover sent from Hutchinson, Kans., to Lansing, Mich. It bears the censor label such as is used on letters from Canada, but where the envelope struck the Canadian line is indeed a mystery.

—Charles E. Severn, the editor of the WEEKLY, has been honored by being elected president of the Shore Acres Club, a strong and influential Republican organization in Chicago.

—This week the displayed advertisement of F. J. Pope, Charlotte, Vt., will be found in our columns. Mr. Pope has been dealing for some length of time and now intends to use the WEEKLY continuously in his efforts to do business with our subscribers. We trust our readers will be duly considerate of his claims upon them for a share of their patronage.

—A flourishing stamp club has been organized in Elyria, Ohio, under the name of the Y. M. C. A. Stamp Club,

the work being chaperoned by James B. Thomas, an oldtime collector. There is no reason why a club of this kind should not be organized in connection with every Association in the country.

—The Herbert Stamp Co., through its manager, Herbert Seebohm, advises us of its change of location to 328 Montgomery St., San Francisco. A nice ground floor office has been secured and the firm intends to make an energetic effort to get its share of stamp business. It will be noted that the company has taken space this week in our displayed columns and will be heard from regularly hereafter.

—Through an oversight the name of William Rae Ferguson, 23 Linden Place, New Rochelle, N. Y., was omitted from the list of those who received Honorable Mention in the second "rebus contest."

AGAIN—HARRY L. NEWTON.

The name of Harry L. Newton has already figured in the columns of the WEEKLY, and it will be remembered that he served time at Dannemora, N. Y., a few years ago. At that time the WEEKLY gave full particulars of how Newton had mulcted stamp dealers.



W. F. Gregory of New York sends us the particulars of Newton's arrest, last week, in that city. Mr. Gregory was called to police headquarters to identify stamps reported to have been stolen. As the story goes, Newton, who wanted someone to pay him \$10,000 to dynamite J. P. Morgan, had been released on that charge, but the police found in his possession a large accumulation of stamps which he confessed had been obtained "by defrauding stamp dealers."

Mr. Gregory examined the stamps and found two stockbooks well filled and many envelopes with contents of questionable value. Any dealers who are interested are urged to communicate at once with Mr. Gregory at 95 Nassau St., N. Y. City.

It will be remembered that the name of Mrs. Kitty Reynolds, Elba, N. Y., figured prominently in Newton's correspondence and the names of Leith and Taylor were also used. Postoffices in northern New York, such as Elba, Batavia, Buffalo and Watertown, were noted by Mr. Gregory as bases of correspondence.

In the number of the *American Philatelist*, dated April 1, will be found the application of Harry L. Newton, and among his papers was a receipt from the secretary for advance fees dated March 16. It would seem as if the dealing fraternity and philatelists, generally, might remember Mr. Newton and cross him off the list of desirables.

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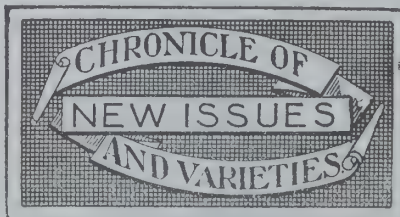
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UNITED STATES.—J. M. Bartels furnishes the following list of new envelopes:

B.No.	Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Kn.
Issue 1911.						
2605C	2c	B	5	White	17	87
Issue 1915.						
	1c	A	8	Amber	20	59
	2c	A	5	Buff	20	87
	2c	C	5	Amber	19	87
	2c	F	7	White	20	51
	2c	G	5	Blue	20	87
Issue 1916.						
	2c	new	13	White	19	101

Egbert K. Bacon has shown a peculiar rich plum shade of the current 3c stamp, with normal back. This stamp seems to be furnishing more than its share of freak and odd shades.

Some weeks ago it was rumored among collectors of United States envelopes that a second type of the new 2c circular die existed. This has now been verified and we are now compelled to recognize two dies, A and B, according to J. M. Bartels.

Die A.

U 1 mm. from circle enclosing 2.
N T close at base.
Top of S of CENTS short.

Die B.

U less than 1/2 mm. from circle.
N T much wider at base.
Top of S in CENTS broad.

ARGENTINE.—R. C. Hoogkirk has shown us three new Postal Savings stamps from the Argentine Republic, all being printed in one color. The designs are similar for all, though the size of the stamps varies greatly. The 2c is 18 1/2 x 12 mm. the 1c just half this size, and the 1/2c a little less than half the size of the 1c, resembling the 1/2d of Victoria though printed horizontally. The stamps

are fine engraved and printed, showing "Caja Nacional de Ahorro Postal" in a curved line at the top, with the arms of Argentina in a circle in the centre, "Republica Argentina" at the sides, and the value in figures and words at the bottom. Under the central circle, appears the legend, "Ley No. 9527." As may be surmised the inscriptions on the 1/2c stamps, which is only 15x10 mm., are very minute.

Postal Savings Adhesives.

3c pale rose.
1c pale rose.
2c pale rose.

BRAZIL.—The 200r and 1000r stamps of the current set have already been chronicled in this Department, but we learn from *Ewen's Weekly* that several other values have appeared in changed colors. We give the new colors, as far as known:

Adhesives.

50r bright green.
200r ultramarine.
500r bright violet.
600r bright olive.
1000r slate blue.
2000r blue.

CANAL ZONE.—The *Stamp Journal* is informed by a correspondent that there has been received on the Zone a supply of 500,000 10c stamps, not of the map design, but of the old portrait type. The overprint is not the same as Scott's type 45, but is a newer type. There are minor differences, but the principal difference is that the spacing between the words is 7 1/2 mm., whereas the 1909 type is 8 1/2 mm.

EGYPT.—Leonice Colucci sends us the current 2m interior post card of Egypt, surcharged "3—MILLIEMES" in two lines in carmine. The rate for the post cards for the country having been raised, this surcharge was done to utilize the stock of the 2m cards. The new 3m postcard was issued about two months ago, the stamp being in yellow, like the postage stamp of the same denomination.

Post Card.

3m yellow on buff.

Provisional Post Card.

3m on 2m green on buff; surcharge carmine.

GREECE.—William L. Aldrich & Co. have shown us three of the current Greek stamps with a peculiar cancellation, evidently that of a steamship line. A large double-lined circle has a Greek inscription running around, and within the inner rule a large flag flying from a staff, showing diagonal white bars run-

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ning from the corners to a central circle containing the letter "E". Possibly this stands for "Epirus"? The stamps seen with this cancellation are the 5, 10 and 25 lepta.

MEXICO.—Hermann Focke has shown us used copies of the 5c and 20c stamps of 1910, with the new "G. P. DE M." overprint. As noted last week, the 5c has the overprint in blue reading down at the right, while on the 20c it is in blue reading up on the left.

NIUE.—The New Zealand Wakatipu 2 1/2 stamp has been surcharged "Niue —2 1/2 Peni," in two lines in carmine, ac-

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cording to the *Stamp Lover*. This surcharge differs from that of the 1902 issue in that the "1/2" is in a different type with the figures closer to the fraction bar and the spacing of the surcharge is slightly different.

PERU.—George J. Carter calls attention to the fact that the postage due stamps of Peru are doing duty as postage stamps, without any overprint, and shows part of a cover with 12 of these stamps and one 10c postage stamp thereon.

RUSSIA.—According to the *London Philatelist* the supply of ordinary postage stamps in Russia has never failed; indeed, three different issues, exclusive of the carton paper stamps, may be purchased. The postal authorities have discouraged the use of the carton paper stamps for postage. Small notes of 1k, 2k, 3k, 5k, 10k and 50k in paper money have already been issued, and others of 15k and 20k are expected shortly. Carton paper stamps of the values 1k, 2k and 3k have not been issued, and are not likely to be, now that the new paper notes of these values are available.

St. Kitts.—The Rev. L. Meister writes that the 3d stamp has appeared with a bright green centre.

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By JOSEPH B. LEAVY.

In MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS for January 8th, 1916, Mr. Karl Pember, describes several varieties of double transfer of the 12c, and states, "These occur in an early plate which I understand is now destroyed. . . . Most of the examples that I have found have been in the upper left pane of the sheet which contains nearly sixty doubles. I have also found a few in the lower left pane of 100."

I freely confess that when I read Mr. Pember's little article I said to myself, "that man is crazy; sixty double transfers in a plate that has passed the searching examination of the Bureau experts. No indeed! A Bureau plate of that sort has about as much chance of existence as the proverbial snow ball in the tropical resort for permanent boarders presided over by Mr. Satan." I even placed some such delicate sentiment on paper and mailed it to the *Philatelic Gazette*, but the Editor returned it to me with the admonition "better look into it, old man, we have just had a big drop in temperature and some right smart freezing has been going on." Well, would you believe it, investigation showed that the entire force of stokers of the Hades Company Limited had quit work, due to exhaustion from rush of war orders, at the very time that the extreme cold wave blew into the factory and chilled the refining vat to such an extent that a thin coating of ice formed on its surface, sufficiently strong to support the snow ball of improbability flung through a window by the imp of carelessness. Stripping the garment of poetic metaphor from the shrinking form of veracity and exhibiting truth in all its nakedness, the shifted transfers actually exist in an appalling number upon plate 6900 of the 12c Franklin.

An examination of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing record proof sheet of plate 6900 shows the following marked shifting of transfer in double impression of lines as hereinafter stated:

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Lower right pane of 100—No. 11, coat, 12, cents and leaves; No. 14, coat; No. 19, coat and 12; No. 37, coat; No. 38, coat and 12; No. 39, coat, 12, cents and leaves; No. 48, coat; No. 59, coat and 12.

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Mr. Pember describes some slightly shifted impressions in his article. They probably exist; I did not care to waste either the time or eyesight necessary to an examination of the 400 impressions minute enough to place every one with a shifted line or two. There are enough of the marked shifts to satisfy anyone, enough to make the very slight ones negligible.

Plate 6900 was the first 12c plate made, and it had a long life. The records of the Custodian of the plates show that at various times it was in the hands of the plate printers for a total of thirty-five days. The average of a plate printer is a thousand sheets a day, so that allowing for delays in taking down and setting up a very conservative estimate would be thirty thousand sheets of 400 from the plate, quite enough to go round.

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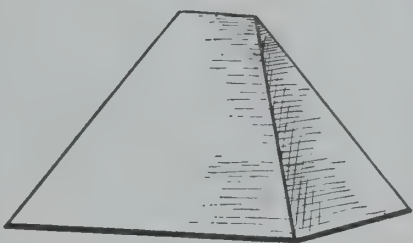
By WM. L. STEVENSON.

CHAPTER II.—Continued.

Except for these first three families, all issued grills come apparently from male cylinders, that is, from cylinders with units of embossing in relief. These male units were pressed directly into the paper and variously strain, stretch, cut, or puncture it. In all reasonably well made specimens, the impressions in the paper show the characteristics of the units from which they were derived. In no case did, or could, a unit of one shape produce the identical "foot-print" of a unit of a quite different shape. Get that firmly fixed in mind and much of the previous confusion will disappear. Some things are physically impossible.



No. 4



No. 5

Cuts Nos. 4 and 5 show the two degrees of the cross-grill units. No. 4 shows what resulted where the grooving in the two directions cut the slanting faces of the unit pyramids at equal angles, producing the pointed pyramids.

No. 5 cut shows the normal result, the faces being unequally cut, and the ridge apex being thus obtained.

All the male cylinders were undoubtedly produced by cutting tiny grooves each way, lengthways the cylinder and around it. In general, this cutting of grooves in the two directions did not cut the slanting sides of the units at exactly the same angle. The result in the cross grills is to produce, normally, pyramids that have a ridge instead of a point as apex. Pointed pyramids are the great exception, not the rule, and it is highly probable that the few that seem to show a point instead of a ridge are due to a very short ridge, or to faulty eyesight, or to a change from the original clearness of impression. Under the circumstances, a pyramid with a point for apex would seem abnormal.

The four edges of such pyramids have a tendency to cut the paper along four lines, occasionally appearing to meet in a point, but normally meeting in two V's which touch the two ends of the similar line cut by the ridge. The breaks in the paper give the natural name of Cross-grills to those produced by such units.

In the D, E, and F units, the ridges of the units run lengthways the stamps and of the rectangles of grill. The general characteristics of the Z grill are the same but the rectangles run in odd sizes and the ridges of the units run the other way, across both the stamp and the rectangles of grill. They come from a cylinder differing from those that produced the other families of the period and are readily differentiated after one knows something of the details here described. They are quite genuine and are apparently more common in grill essays than among the issued stamps.

In the issued stamps, I have so far seen the Z grill only on the following. 1c, 2; 2c, 9; 3c, 4; 10c, 1; 12c, 5. All are used except one of the 12c which I have unused with full gum.

We do not know just when the first experiments were made with this patented process. Mr. Tiffany stated that the entire grill (presumably referring to the A grill with the biscuit units) dates from May 8, 1867. This may well be close to correct. The earliest known used specimens come from August, 1867.

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We do know that the patent was granted to date October 22, 1867, and was probably applied-for for some time before that. In his report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1867, and dated Nov. 1, 1867 (written possibly any time between those dates) the Post Master General, referring to this process, stated that "Experiments are in progress." He was doubtless correct and it is probable that the grills were experimental during the rest of this year.

The contract under which they were operating did not call for grilling the stamps, nor for remuneration for this extra work on issued stamps. It is apparent that the contract was later amended to change this. When this change was made, we have not been informed but we have some data bearing on it.

During the first quarter of 1867 the Stamp Agent for the first time kept separate count of the stamps issued with and without the embossing. The reason of this is clearly that the work could be paid for at two different rates.

Relative numbers existing in the different grills and other items of evidence, indicate January as the month when the change took place.

Which family was the first under the contract is not as yet certain but the E grill seems to be indicated as the first under contract, the first not strictly experimental.

The families above listed as the A, B, C, D, E and F grills certainly appeared in this order. Where the Z grill belongs in the list is in doubt. That is why I list it thus separately. The first four families occur on the 3c stamps in what may be called "dry" shades. Some of the E grills come also in these printings, and presumably represent the first of this family. This may well be due to their originally following the procedure of the patent which called for: first the gumming, then the embossing, and last the printing. This would preclude printing on moistened paper as is required for the best results in printing from line engraved plates. The improvement in shades within the E grill period may be thus due largely to a change in the process to; first printing, then gumming, and last the embossing.

The Z grills in the 3c value come also in those "dry" shades. This would seem to indicate that they belong to this earlier period, and that they either precede the E grills or were contemporaneous with the first of the E grills. The E grills are found on the 1c, 2c, 3c, 10c, 12c and 15c. The Z grills have been found

on all these except the 15c which was first grilled only in April or May, 1868. The Z grill therefore seems to belong somewhere between January and May, 1868, though it may have come earlier, possibly before the change in the contract. However, again, the D grill is found only on the 2c and the 3c and the Z grill therefore almost certainly follows the D grill period. Until we get a sufficient number of dated copies, we can best leave the Z grill thus located as to period.

The theory has been advanced that the reductions in area grilled from the A grill to include the F grill came from the necessity for greater strength in the stamp paper than permitted by the A grill; and later to the wearing off of the marginal rows of units in the rectangles.

This is doubtless correct as regards the A grill. It weakened the paper too much for practical use. As the female cylinder could not be in any way altered to produce the D and following male grills by simple reduction of area grilled, this theory hardly is complete, with our present knowledge. I have studied a great many specimens of this 1867 issue and have yet to find the slightest signs of excessive wear in marginal rows of the rectangles to account for the later reductions. Everything considered, it seems probable that the male units were introduced to provide better penetration of the paper, the paper was successively made thinner or more frail to permit such better penetration, and the area grilled was reduced successively to reduce the weakening of the weaker papers, until they arrived at the smallest grilled area that would in any degree produce the results aimed at by the patent and the contract, while being as large as the thinner paper would carry in practice. This is largely also theory but it fits all the known facts, which previous theories do not do. There were also doubtless other considerations in the minds of the contractors, to which we have no clues as yet. Possibly the reduction in area was partly due to a desire to reduce the area of malleable bed affected at each operation.

THE B GRILLS AND MARGINAL GRILLS.

The marginal grills occur on the marginal paper of this issue, on the paper of the 1869 issue, and on the stamps of the issue of 1870. Discussion of them would naturally come at the end of this general article except for their apparent relation to the occurrence of the B and the C grills on one cylinder together as I believe to be the case.

When they reduced the area covered by the A grill by planing off the strips each way, they apparently contemplated the C areas as their approximate normal rectangles. The cylinder was of such a circumference that it did not divide evenly into rectangles and strips and there was left, *lengthwise the cylinder*, a strip of units wider than a normal rectangle and narrower than a rectangle, and a planed strip.

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All this is not fully established and probably never will be direct proof. However, it fits all the available facts.

The marginal grills are very probably due to exactly the same general cause, the indivisibility of the circumference of the cylinders into rectangles at the proper intervals. In these cases, it is evident that the planing around the cylinder was not continued through this strip, it not being intended that it should be used. These grill strips would therefore normally fall only on the right or left margin of a sheet, or on similar rows of stamps, and thus we find them. Where we find them thus, we can be satisfied that the sheets were fed sideways, as was probably the rule. Certainly the first sheets used were thus fed and the cylinders made of a length to take the shorter dimension of the sheet of paper, the A grills being applied before printing or division of the sheet into panes of one hundred stamps. This would fix the size of the machine to take later cylinders and the practice may be assumed to have been general and normal.

Not one particle of evidence indicates that the strips of units that make the marginal grills were strips running around the ends of the cylinders. Further study is desirable however.

The method of production of the cylinders in general, and some other points, might be considered in connection with this first issue period but I am leaving them for a concluding set of remarks that do not fit well here.

(To be continued.)

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

Mexico, The White and Green Seal Issues of Sonora—By George Ward Linn, whose coming was not unheralded in the philatelic world has made its appearance and it is no slight tribute to say that the work which has been keenly anticipated in an active, if somewhat restricted circle of enthusiasts, has met squarely the highest expectations. Indeed, we can conceive of no more exhaustive consideration of the certain issues than Mr. Linn's review; and from the angle of the ordinarily-informed collector, Mr. Linn has sailed an uncharted sea in a masterly manner. While imbued with all enthusiasm for the issues, Mr. Linn yet assumes the critic's role and he is not averse to hewing to the line and letting the chips fall where they may when he deems it fair to do so.

In the introductory chapter of his book, the author sketches briefly the historical phases of the years, 1913-15 in their philatelic relation but he is careful to confine his studies to the white and green seal issues of Sonora as indicated by the title. In view of the fact that Mr. Linn devotes over one hundred pages of text and twenty-five full page plates to these stamps, it would appear inadvisable to attempt any serious analysis of the work. To isolate a paragraph here and there would only disturb the orderly arrangement that has been so well com-

pleted. We suppose that there will be criticisms of Mr. Linn's findings but in this connection it is not amiss to say that Mr. Linn's knowledge of the printing art loans itself capably to research work in the stamps in question and gives a touch of authority to the deductive side of his investigations. The simplicity of treatment of the complexities of the issues is gained by the plates of the successive sheets; and this is a distinct advantage in a popular sense.

It must be admitted by the collectors who demand strong credentials for what may be termed irregular issues before accepting them that speculation did not enter into the issues described by Mr. Linn. There was no systematic foisting of the stamps on the market for gainful purposes and we doubt if any considerable profit attended the exploitation of the stamps. At first the stamps could be had at small cost and it is known that some of those who handled the first issue offered later to buy back the stamps at liberal advances over the original prices. Mr. Linn has performed a service for philately in presenting so masterly a printed record of the issues; and he should know that his work is appreciated by those who understand the faith that leads to a successful undertaking of this kind. The book is a typographical delight and the printers, W. M. Linn & Sons Company, must be congratulated upon having provided so beautiful and tasteful a setting for the book which truly is an ornament to any philatelic library. A personal touch is given the book by a speaking likeness of George Ward Linn as a frontispiece; and the portrait, we may add, is inscribed "Sonorally yours," a little quip that shows that even the good and great must relax at times.

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EDITORIAL.

Progress—It was becoming that public intimation of a highly important prospective development in commercial philately should have been made in the *Stamp Trade*, the journal devoted to the interests of dealers. It says: "There is a movement on foot in New York City to establish an all around popular approval business and mail order trade to commence next fall. The new firm will advertise extensively in the magazine press and they expect to reach a larger class of collectors than has ever before been attempted. Their plans are very comprehensive and include the publication of a popular catalogue, a popular album and a popular stamp paper (either weekly or monthly). The movement is strongly financed by interests that have bought very heavily of dealers' stocks affected by the war abroad and an enormous stock will therefore be available." We understand that preliminary work of founding the new business that will from its inception strive for the place of pre-eminence in its special lines, is being conducted carefully and secretly. It is the belief that an alluring field is open and that before a sharp and sustained attack, it will be occupied most advantageously. We do not pretend to know anything of specific plans but it is almost certain that with financial backing and intelligent business procedure, a new power will achieve a commanding position; and it is likely that a new alignment of the commercial factors of philately will result. When the proper time comes, full publicity no doubt will be courted by the new force, as we gather that the aims of the company will be

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Officers—The remarks on the necessity for nominations for officers of the American Philatelic Society for the ensuing term, in a recent issue, suggested by the declination of Mr. Wm. E. Ault to serve another year have brought us a few comments. We trust that the Branches will give instant attention to the question of nominations and that they will strive to arouse a greater interest in the workings of the organization as represented by the officers. It is of paramount importance that a capable incumbent succeed Mr. Ault. We may add that Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer is a candidate for the appointive office of sales superintendent.

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Punched—From Miss Amy L. Swift, Whitman, Mass., we have the information: "The Australian perforated O. S. in different sizes indicate use in different states. The large O. S. are used in Tasmania as is also a T perforation; the small O. S. emanate from Victoria and New South Wales uses still smaller letters with N. S. W. perforated below. I consider the perforated officials just as worthy of collection as the surcharged O. S."

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Disappearance—We have been asked about the future of early United States stamps, and in answer to the question we have no novel ideas, facts or theories to advance. We repeat what we have said at times in the past. A few collectors long have known how difficult it is to get these stamps in perfection condition; and latterly the information has become the possession of a great many collectors. The result is that an increasing demand, in the nature of things, acting upon a diminishing supply, will affect the market, with the consequence of rising prices. Opportunely of this, we quote from a letter that came recently from a collector who makes a study of market conditions as they apply to the stamps of the United States: "In part, the disappearance of the fine stuff seems to be due to private speculations; and I suppose that there are more accumulators of the best stamps than we suppose. The main reason for the shrinkage, so to say, is attributable to the extension of collecting to details that previously were not of interest to many; and to a rapidly increasing demand, in every sense of the word, for fine or better condition, by numerous collectors."

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Hopeful—To us, one of the most gratifying developments of the past year has been the reception of philatelic books

and pamphlets by the general collecting public. While our remarks are based principally on our own experiences in this line, yet we do not doubt but that they apply to other productions, in some degree. It was only a short time ago that the launching of a book on stamps was a most dubious venture that often was attended by disastrous or amusing results, according to the view point or expectations of the publisher. The book would appear, and naturally, orders for it would be looked for. Here and there, a sale would be made to a collector, and these isolated orders, with those received from collectors of philatelic literature, would make but a slight impression on the edition. It is different nowadays, and at least by sustained publicity, it is possible to sell a fairly large number of books; and while the disheartening influences still persist, they are being slowly dissipated. It will be a happy day for philately when the publisher of a somewhat pretentious book on a philatelic subject will find that his labor of love will be appreciated in a material sense.

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Revenue—Mr. A. Preston Pearce of Plymouth, England, who conducted years ago a column in the WEEKLY devoted to foreign revenue stamps writes that the bill providing for new British stamp duties on matches, amusements and non-alcoholic drinks has not yet finally passed through the Commons and that in consequence many alterations have been made in the original draft. Mr. Pearce will favor us with a summary of the new taxes so soon as they are definitely adjusted.

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Difficulties—The mail from our army in Mexico shows that no regular line of postal communication has been established, as the envelopes come unstamped in some instances and franked with Mexican stamps in others. From a newspaper clipping, we learn that some mail has been sent from the Mexican base to the border by aeroplane. Further, it is said that envelopes are scarce among the members of the punitive expedition; and curiosities are shown in the way of home-made envelopes from the soldiers in Mexico. Writing paper, too, is among the scarcities, we hear.

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ACROSS THE DIVIDE.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

The red headed girl at the general delivery window in the postoffice of Willow was chewing gum, quite audibly, as she ran through a bundle of letters from the box labeled "M". The patron at the window who was delaying the sale of a "book o' two's" was also busy with a piece of gum, of spruce variety, a handful of which was cumbering the glass change-counter in front of the Titian figure. I myself arrived in time to hear the tag end of the following conversation.

"As I was sayin' to my first wife, gum is the gift o' the gods to them that has teeth—"

"Or a good dentist," ended the r. h. g. They both laughed, and then the man was turning away. Here the girl sighted me, waiting,—waiting patiently for my book o' two's, and her face at once matched her hair.

"I do beg your pardon," she began. "I wanted to ask if you'd—"

"Have a piece of gum," drawled the other voice as the owner passed out the door.

Certainly we had to laugh at this, and as the red headed girl had a sense of humor, she pushed along a couple pieces of gum, clinching the humor issue irrevocably.

"That's Frevor Moore," she said. "He is the one other stamp collector on the range. I wanted you to meet him. I told him you'd brought your collection with you, most likely, and I know he'd be glad to see it. He'll be back, so wait."

I waited. It was not ten minutes before the door was shadowed by the gum man. I had opportunity then to observe him more carefully,—a youngish man but with hair quite gray, and brown eyes that looked at you and far beyond. His walk was quietness itself,—as though in his stride he touched only the air. On his head was the inevitable wide-brim, grey white hat of Philadelphia make and Arizona adoption. He wore a light blue shirt, and his trousers were of khaki. Around his waist was a belt, but with the essential "forty-five", gun and scabbard, now absent. The stable held both I was sure, for in this frontier town the new arrival is allowed thirty minutes to shed his gun, if sober; otherwise, as many seconds suffice.

Moore came directly to me, the informal introduction over, his face alight with friendship.

"Yes, I, too, am a stamp-lover, in a small way, and as we are the ones this side Tucson we ought to be good company, eh?"

The heat of Arizona midday was forgotten. It was the one oasis in months of desert-waiting. Moore's language, too, betrayed the culture which was sloughed when he talked with the girl,—whereat I wondered.

"Give my love to your first wife," called the red-headed girl, as we went into the open, and she out of this story. My companion laughed his infectious laugh, and then explained that his "first wife" was a neighbor's child, age six, for whom he had promised to "wait while she grew up."

"I want you to saddle up and come with me," said my new friend. "We'll be gone a fortnight, up at Three-Bar-X, and I'll show you something in stamps that will open your eyes. They're not mine. It's the collection of a Spanish boy—Mexican—who was at the rodeo last year. Now he's in Mexico with one of the rebel bands. He's a fine boy, college-bred, and altogether too good to be tangled up in that affair. But," after a pause, "it's his business, not mine."

Within an hour, we were riding into the mountains. The second day we arrived at the long, low adobe ranch-house, peopled by two collies and a Chinese cook. "The boys," Moore explained, "were out on the range."

My host dived into a basin of water like a bird taking a plunge. "Best way to get cool," he explained. I was more circumspect.

"Now for the stamps," he said, as we finished dampening the towels. Moore's collection, mounted in several old International albums, vintage of '04, was not of great moment, although it contained some scarce United States, among them a set of the 1859 issue, and some B. N. A.'s that would pleasure even the most jaded collector. I recall New Brunswick one shilling, unused, without gum—"eaten by ants in India," explained the owner, sadly—and Cape Triangulars, fairly complete, in all printings, except the wood-blocks. There were some old Germans, too, which were notable for margins and cleanliness; and Sarawak was represented by No. 1, used, the rest nearly complete.

"I lived there—once," explained my host, in a voice which had the sound of a closed book.

And so I turned the leaves to the end. Moore arose, and from beneath the cot pulled forth a trunk of prehistoric brand. He lifted the lid. "Here it is," said he, fondly, "and it's worth while,—this lot of stamps."

The collection was housed in a fine mahogany box, brass mounted. The albums, which were of the blank style, showed evidence of careful handling.

"Mexico's the one country," said Moore, as he passed the books over to me. It was. My eyes opened. Here was a specialist's collection, fully "written up." My familiarity with Castilian made the thing a revelation.

"It's all there," said my host, "Everything."

And it was. Stamps surcharged with district names, and errors with and without; everything regular and irregular, complete,—fine, clean, well-centered. Many stamps had their history carefully written out in a beautiful hand.

I turned the leaves, and gasped.

"Campeche—yellow paper, and the white," declared my host, "and also complete, on the original."

The rare Chiapas were there, too, and Guadalajara, while Cuernavaca—Monterrey—Patzcuaro—Zocatecas (the last four doubtful as to authenticity) were there to prove their right to live in a specialist's collection.

"The man who collected these," said I, "certainly,—well, there must be a story connected with it all?"

"Right," exclaimed Moore; and, after a few silent puffs at his pipe, he began.

"José Escalante, when a student in the University at Mexico City, became interested in the stamps of his country through friendship with a fellow student,—Santiago Garcia. It seems that some of Garcia's relatives had a room in the hacienda full of old letters, and Santiago, vacation time, spent his leisure hours looking them over for the stamps. There was about everything there, principally on covers. He wasn't allowed to absorb the letters where envelopes had been dispensed with, so he soaked the stamps off. That was the beginning. Collectors, as you no doubt are aware, are reborn in attics and in store-rooms, no matter where they first saw light.

"There was four years of college life and then José and Santiago separated. Each had a fair collection of its kind; but a few months later, when death made Santiago heir to the hacienda, and its grounds, with wealth besides in gold, the college chum was summoned. Further search of the store-room disclosed

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"José owns the collection, now. He is in revolt against the existing government. Any day I expect to hear of his end. But, you know the Mexican,—all that must be, shall be. With him Fate rules everything."

Moore puffed at his pipe in silence. I looked across the divide, seeing in vision a boy dying for a great principle. The sun dipped; then it sank behind the foothills, and left each of us alone with his thoughts.

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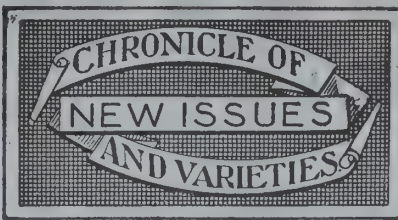
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THE WAR AND EXHIBITIONS.

There has been no great international philatelic exhibition since the war. It was Germany's turn to hold one when the war broke out, and all the arrangements had been completed for the event to commence at Cassel on Aug. 9, 1914. A number of British and foreign collections had already reached Cassel, and some of the visitors from this country had already started for the scene of the exhibition when war was declared. The Cassel exhibition was, of course, abandoned, and no subsequent arrangements for displays of this character were anticipated by philatelists in the early days of the war. The leading philatelic society of Argentina has now completed the arrangements for an exhibition on a large scale in Buenos Aires in September of this year. The scheme of competition is comprehensive, but I fear the organizers can scarcely expect much support from Europe at this juncture. Several small exhibitions of war stamps have been held in England and in Switzerland during the past twelve months, and a small competitive exhibition at Lynn, Massachusetts, last month, included a class for war stamps, divided into three sections, as follows: (1) War issues of the Allies; (2) war issues of Germany and Austro-Hungary; and (3) censored covers and war stamps on covers.—*London Telegraph*.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—The following chronicle of new envelopes has been furnished by J. M. Bartels:

Issue 1915.					
Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Kn.
2c	H	13	White	19	89
2c	A	3	Blue	20	92
2c	A ²	8	White	20	59
2c	A ²	8	Amber	20	59
2c	A ²	9	Amber	20	61
2c	C	8	White	20	59
4c	A	8	White	20	59

Issue 1916.					
Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Knife
2c	A	5	Blue	19	87
2c	A	5	Buff	19	87
2c	A	7	Amber	19	51
2c	A	13	White	19	89
2c	B	13	White	20	101

BARBADOS.—We learn from the *Colonial Journal* that an entirely new issue of stamps for this Colony has been printed from copper plates, the design representing King George seated in a chariot, drawn by sea-horses. The series consists of the eleven following values: 1/4d, 1/2d, 1d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1sh, 2sh and 3sh. All are of large size, and the colours are the same as those of the recent issue, with the exception of the 4d, which is printed in red on yellow paper, and the 3sh stamp, which is printed in violet on white paper.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—*Ewen's Weekly* is officially advised that the shipment from London to Belize, of the provisional issue, was in the following quantities: 1c, 60,240; 2c, 180,000; 5c, 121,080. All three values are now obsolete, but the 5c registration envelope, with the overprint, has yet to appear on sale.

CANAL ZONE.—New envelopes have been issued for the Canal Zone, specimens having been shown us by Gerald D. Bliss, the New England Stamp Co., the Sterling Stamp Co. and others. C. K. Harris writes us that "the Government has placed an order with the Mount Hope Printing Plant, for the first stamped envelopes for the Canal Zone. The order calls for thirty thousand with one cent stamps and forty thousand with the two cent stamp." The paper is a white wove, and the stamp designs are the same as the 1909 issue, but the words "Canal Zone" are printed in a bolder type, with sharp cut ceriph. As noted last week, the 5c of 1909 had already been furnished to the Zone with the same overprint, marking the exhaustion of the supply of the pictorial stamps of 1915. The size is 165x93 mm.

Envelopes.
1c green on white.
2c carmine on white.

FIJI.—The *Australian Stamp Journal* says:

"On looking through our supply of the 1d Fiji stamps overprinted 'War Stamp,' we were somewhat surprised to find that while the colour of some was carmine, that of others was scarlet; and on examining also a parcel of the ordinary 1d stamps we found the same differences, from which we conclude that Messrs. De la Rue, who print the Fiji stamps, are not now able to print stamps in the carmine shades."

The 1/4d, a new value, 1/2d, 2d, 1sh and 5sh stamps have been supplied from plate 5, according to the *Colonial Journal*.

FINLAND.—Mr. A. Scheindling writes to the *London Philatelist* as follows:—"I find that none of the philatelic

papers has found it worthy to notice the slight alterations that the recent issue of the Finland stamps have undergone. I have so far found the following differences: 5p, the green colour is now slightly darker; 10p, there are now three vertical strokes (against five formerly) on the left marginal side before the upper scroll, besides some other slight differences: the gum on these two values, as well as on the 20p, is now crinkly (vertically) instead of smooth as before. I must, however, notice that on a sheet of 10p recently bought by me, the gum is that of the new issue, whilst the stamp itself is the old issue. Perhaps a quantity has again been printed by the old plates and the new (crinkly) gum has been applied to them. In the 2p, 20p, 40p and 1m values I have so far found no differences at all.

"The most noticeable differences, however, I have found on the 10m value. Not only is the colour greenish grey and black instead of grey and black, but the perforation is quite a new one, viz.: 13 1/2 with pointed teeth instead of 14 with stumpy teeth. I think this stamp is worthy to be classified as a separate issue."

FRANCE.—W. Arthur McKinney has shown us a copy of the current 10c French stamp, which has a diagonal line 7 1/2 mm. long, extending from the point of the sower's hair down past the right hand. But for the fact that the line was slightly removed from the hand, it would appear that the sower had taken up a cudgel instead of scattering the seed. Probably a hair fell on the plate during printing. Has anyone else noted this freak?

GOLD COAST.—The 1/4d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 6d, 1sh, 5sh, 10sh, and £1 have all been supplied printed from plate 5, states the *Colonial Journal*. The 5sh stamps are now printed on multiple yellow paper, dyed throughout.

NEW ZEALAND.—According to the *London Telegraph* the color of the 2d King George stamp has been changed from violet to orange, and that the 4d is also to be printed in a new color.

Adhesive.

2d orange.

TOGOLAND.—The *Colonial Journal* states that Gold Coast stamps have been overprinted in black in similar type to the local surcharge: 1d from plate 1 and the 1/2d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 6d, 1sh, 2sh, 2sh 6d, 5sh, 10sh and £1 stamps printed from plate No. 5. The overprint of this latest supply having been made in London by Messrs. De la Rue will doubtless be more prominent type than the issue supplied from Accra.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.—We gather from the *Colonial Journal* that a new plate for a 5d stamp in King George design has been prepared and a supply of stamps will in due course be issued.

STAMPS OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC.

DUBLIN, May 4.—Postage stamps prepared by the short-lived Irish republic have been found, ready for issue. They are printed in the republican colors, green, white and orange, with inset pictures of the three Manchester martyrs, Larkin, O'Brien and Allen, on a shamrock leaf. Beneath is a harp and the words, "God Save Ireland."—N. Y. *Globe and Com'l Adv.*

THE CURRENT SIAM.

A letter from a non-collecting friend in Bangkok, Siam, who was asked to get a complete set of the current stamps up to 1 tical, enclosed the following varieties:—3 satangs green No. 126; 2 on 14s No. 137; 5 on 6s No. 138; 10 on 2s No. 139; 15 on 28s No. 140; and 1 tical No. 82.

He writes:—"I went myself, and this is all I can get at the post office at present. There is nothing new. The 1 tical is the only high value they had, and that is from the former reign. Stamps are at a low ebb here and there are very few varieties."—BENJ. CADBURY.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—We have been shown by G. Hemond a specimen of the Canada 5c King George surcharged "Inland Revenue War Tax" in which the R in "Revenue" becomes a distinct P. This error, so Mr. Hemond states, no doubt existed on thousands of sheets, but the late discovery will, no doubt, result in most of these stamps being destroyed.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from F. L. Jackson (3), C. F. Cornish, W. Parlin Lillard, W. G. Birds-eye, Hugh P. Dunn, Herman W. Boers, L. A. Judkins, H. M. Norton, D. C. Alexander and H. G. Burwick.

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At the present moment, there is a great scarcity of the 2 dollars Straits "white back." The Straits Post Office for some time has refused to supply them and have referred correspondents to the London Office, who in their turn have referred the enquirer to the Straits Office. Rumour has it that only 2,580 (48 sheets) were printed; in this case the stamp will be rare, and is well worth getting at its present price of 8s to 9s. The same number is reported for the printing of the 96c British Guiana, which can at present be bought for 6s 6d pending the arrival of the "yellow backs," which have been printed. They should be good.

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The St. Lucia 4d is well worth buying at 7d; most dealers now charge 1s, and there is no great quantity on the market.

I wonder if it is too late to buy (as a speculation) Trinidad and Tobago 4d, which cannot be obtained under 3s. The same thing applies to the 3d Montserrat. My remarks in all cases refer to mint copies; "white backs" are much rarer used, but being more popular in mint condition, the prices are higher thus.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322 Tremont Bldg., 8.15 P.M.

The 358th (regular) meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday, May 16th. Those dining in town will meet at the Club Room at 6.00 p. m.

Mr. Ralph N. Hall will show his British Colonials, and the Society's counterfeit collection will be on exhibition. Three minor changes in the Constitution are to be voted upon.

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Meeting was held May 4, President Bartels presiding. Minutes were read and adopted. To our regret, we heard of the illness of B. Loewy and Chas. Jancovich, and it was the expressed wish of the members that they will have a quick recovery. Mr. J. M. Bartels showed his famous specialized collection of Danish West Indies, for which he was thanked. Mr. Eugene Klein donated a series of Samoa on New Zealand, which Mr. E. Koller won. Mr. E. Koller donated the U. S. stamp surcharged Cuba, 5c, spelled CUPA. Mr. B. Schlesinger showed us his Dominican bisected stamps, for which he received a certificate of honorable mention. Twelve members and three visitors were present.

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George, 5sh White back, mint 1.60

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There is no one particular charm connected with stamp collecting insofar as I have been able to penetrate the innermost resources of the soul and I find that stamp collecting in its entirety is the CHARM all entrancing. In order to better illustrate the meaning of these words, allow me to burden you with a decidedly condensed history of my efforts to secure a stamp collection worth having.

When about the age of fourteen and living in a borough of about 3500 inhabitants, a clerk in the place where my father appeared to me to be the boss and probably intending to get on the good side of the "old man," gave me what he called his stamp collection, consisting of about two or three hundred different postage stamps, mostly United States. This was my start upon the troublous seas of philately, and drifting with the tide, I invaded garrets, old store rooms and various other places, looking for stamps, passing up all duplicates, no matter what they were, and adding to my starter with more or less success.

One day my father took me on a trip to Philadelphia, and in meandering around the city of Brotherly Love, I ran across the stamp shop of one L. W. Durbin on Chestnut Street. What recollections the name of Durbin brings forth to many? My interest in the goods displayed in his little show window loosened up the strings of the pater's purse and he purchased for me an International Stamp Album, the flags of all nations, coats of arms and rulers of the world. My chest was swelled up as I walked out of dear old Durbin's shop and had under my arm something that I had never dreamed of possessing.

This little incident was the start of quite a little friendly intercourse with Durbin which lasted for a number of years. The collection increased gradually until I had in the neighborhood of 8000 varieties which required a period of something like ten years to accumulate; at this time matrimony overtook me and thinking myself a man, I put away childish things. The collection remained untouched for three years, when a little stranger arrived in the shape of a son; money was scarce and was badly needed; the collection was sold.

When the son reached the age of eleven years, some friend of mine sent him his old stamp collection of about three or four hundred varieties. An old collection it was, and the stamps were pasted flat in some sort of a memorandum book. His interest has waned since then, but mine fanned into a consuming flame.

At the present time, the second collection numbers close to 12,000 varieties but, although exceeding in number and probably value, the collection of eighteen years ago, it is with a great deal of sickness of heart at times when I sit down and try to recall the stamps in the first collection that are not in the second. The first collection had probably every-

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Professional duties as a marine zoologist having brought about a trip to Trinidad and Tobago, I am now homeward bound, and it occurs to me that perhaps some of my philatelic notes may be of interest to my fellow-readers of MEKEEL'S, even though they are neither startling nor important.

Our first stop on the way down was at Grenada, which by the way is called *Grenayda* by its inhabitants and other West Indians. My pronunciation with the broad *a* was frequently courteously corrected. St. Georges, the port and chief town of the island, is exceedingly pretty and picturesque. The post-office is close by the quay where we were landed, indeed it might be said to be on the quay, and three of us made our way there at once. It was obvious that we were not the first stamp lovers who ever invaded that office. The postmistress received us most graciously, we were ushered in *behind the sales counter* and the entire stock of stamps was virtually at our disposal. Most courteous of all, the stamps on my list, which was quite lengthy, were given me at once and my own valuation was accepted as correct without verification by the clerk. The verification was probably made before I left the office, (for I was some time putting stamps in and on the 26 letters which I had to mail) but of this I do not know.

At Port of Spain, Trinidad, which is of course a very much larger office, stamp lovers are not treated quite so well. Not that any discourtesy was shown me, but the youth who sells the stamps is evidently not a collector and wears so weary, yes, even harried, a countenance, one feels no desire to ask for unnecessary favors. The registry clerk was on the contrary very pleasant and affable. The postmaster at Port of Spain is very proud of his office and maintains that it offers facilities not provided by those in either New York or London. He asserts that two officials from the New York office paid him a visit to secure information in regard to these things, but I suspect a couple of tourists were "joshing" him. At any rate, I was told on excellent authority

that one cannot get an unpaid letter between eleven and one because the man in charge of that division is then at lunch, and I know the office closes at 1 p. m. on Saturday to remain closed until 7 a. m. Monday!

In Port of Spain there are a number of places where postage stamps for collections are sold. In many of these shops only stamps in packets are handled but not infrequently single stamps can be purchased if one desires. The stamps are nearly all West Indian or Venezuelan as is of course quite natural. Prices are invariably high but those who really care to sell will listen to reason and in several cases showed appreciation of the fact that the average man from Boston will not pay as much for a stamp in Port of Spain as he would in Boston unless it is a real rarity or has some particular attraction. The largest stock of stamps which I saw in Trinidad is held by a business man who has the most exaggerated idea of its value. It contains many fine stamps particularly in used high values of Trinidad. There are also some very interesting old covers chiefly from Grenada. One peculiarity of this stock is that it is nearly all mounted on large sheets, 80-100 stamps to a sheet, and no lot less than a whole sheet is for sale. As three-fourths of the stamps on each sheet are common stuff and there are many duplicates, I did not think it worth while to even discuss the prices. This same man has some two thousand copies of the red-cross stamp of last October which he assured me in all seriousness he is holding at one dollar each. Other dealers in Port of Spain are selling the same stamps, used or unused, at a shilling or one and six pence each.

One would not expect to find stamp dealers in Tobago. Only within recent years has the island begun to recover from the blow which emancipation struck it three-quarters of a century ago. A little sugar is still raised but the new prosperity is coming from cocoanuts and cocoa. Livestock is also an important product. There are very few white people on the island (not more

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By LOUIS G. BARRETT.

I note in the WEEKLY of May 6, received today, descriptions given by Mr. Bartels for the two dies of the new circular design of the 2c stamped envelope, and find the points of difference in part quite misleading, in fact the first feature described, the distance of the U from the left circle should be transposed between the two dies, instead of as printed. The second feature is not easily seen, but the third is rightly described.

There are, however, two other features which to me appear more prominently, and are more easily seen at a glance than those described; as follows.—In die A the A of STATES has the cross-bar about in the center of its height, with the triangular red space above it quite small; while in die B the cross-bar of this same A is low and the red space above it is larger and taller than in die A and has a square top. The T of CENTS in die A has an extremely short top stroke, while in die B it is noticeably longer and heavier. The revised descriptions would then be as follows:

Die A.—U less than 1/2 mm. from left circle; top of S of CENTS short and thin; cross-bar in A of STATES midway and triangular space above it small; T of CENTS has short and thin top stroke.

Die B.—U 1 mm. from left circle; top of S of CENTS longer and heavier; cross-bar of A of STATES low, and space above it has square top; T of CENTS has long and heavy top stroke.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE T. P. A.

The 20th annual meeting of the Texas Philatelic Association was held April 17, at San Antonio, with eleven delegates present and E. W. Heusinger, president, in the chair. The secretary-treasurer, H. S. Carsons, reported ninety members with nine applications pending. The membership one year ago was only thirty-nine.

The finances of the Association showed balances of some \$200. In the sales department the report of the superintendent showed that 38% of the value of books entered was sold.

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We have received details of an issue of the greatest historical and philatelic interest in connection with the war.

This is a set of the current British Georgian stamps overprinted "Levant" by the British forces at Salonika. The issue was a very limited one, and it was already withdrawn before the news of its appearance reached this country.

The stamps overprinted, together with the numbers issued of the respective denominations, are:—

1/2d green, 2514; 1d scarlet, 2618; 2d orange, 480; 3d violet, 700; 4d slate-green, 480; 6d purple, 1184; 9d grey-black, 360; 1s bistre-brown, 360.

A complete set of the control numbers on the stamps overprinted will be almost, if not quite, a "uniquity." The controls are:—

1/2d green, F15; 1d scarlet, E14; 2d orange, G15; 3d violet, F15; 4d slate-green, G15; 6d purple, E14; 9d grey-black, G15; 1s bistre-brown, F15.

The stamps are to be found postmarked "Field Post Office G.X." or "Field Post Office S.X." and were in use in Salonika from some date in February to March 9th, when their issue ceased.

From an examination of a few small blocks it seems that the type was set up in one horizontal row of twelve, and this was repeated down the sheet. The overprint occurs at top, bottom, or middle of the stamp, and is sometimes slanting. In two values, the 1/2d and the 6d, a whole row of twelve stamps has apparently been missed, as vertical pairs exist, one stamp with and one without overprint.

The stamps were overprinted in a small press at the British Army Printing Office in Salonika, and not only are they of great historical interest, but owing to the very few that were issued, they should turn out to be among the greatest rarities of the War Issues. A considerable number of the stamps have been used on letters sent home in H.M. ships' postbags, and it will be interesting to see if these are postmarked *en route* on the warships, or if they will be obliterated at the port of arrival.—*Postage Stamp.*

NEW FRENCH WAR ISSUE.

The President of the French Republic has signed a decree authorizing the issue of some special war charity postage stamps. The intention is to issue a special series of commemorative stamps, but pending the completion of these a provisional series has been surcharged on the current French stamps. The new war charity stamps pay the ordinary postage, but are sold at a supplementary charge in aid of the dependents of employees of the French Department of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones. The French 2 centimes stamp, overprinted "Guerre 1914-16 Orphelins P. T. T." will be sold at 5 centimes, and the following denominations of the current stamps are being similarly overprinted for sale at the new prices indicated:

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—The American Philatelic Society has recognized the excellent work that is being done by the American Stamp Dealers' Association by making two members of its official board associate members of the Dealers' Association.

—A branch of the S. P. A. is being organized in Cleveland, Ohio. H. W. Coddington, 2503 E. 86 St., is back of the movement.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Frank Babarovich; F. L. Jackson (3); M. Casper; Will H. Fedder.

—We are advised that the *Westchester Philatelist*, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., has purchased the *Nebraska Philatelist* and will consolidate the two magazines. Mr. Ahlman will act as assistant editor to H. S. Waters, the editor and publisher of the combined publications. A sample copy can no doubt be obtained upon application.

—The American Stamp Dealers' Association has just admitted three dealers to membership and no fewer than nine applications have been received recently. This is a good showing and no doubt the new secretary-treasurer, C. V. Webb, has had a strong hand in it.

—"We received about 20 replies from our advertisement in your paper. I had most of the addresses in the packages I sent to Japan, and just received word from there that they would reply with a postal. Perhaps it would be a good idea if you made note in your paper of the great delight the prisoners at the German camp experienced at receiving the stamps. Two of them sent poetry about it. Kindly tell those who sent me stamps and did not receive an answer from Japan to again give me their address."—Mrs. B. GETZSCHMAN, Pres. Ladies' Aid Society, 1311 Howard St., Omaha, Neb.
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—O. J. Richardson, Eden, N. Y., reports that Homer G. Nelson, Greentown, Ind., and G. R. Ellis, Peterboro, Can., failed to reply to letters sent them.

—No. 2 of the *Stamp Herald* published by B. Gordon Bushnell, 2715 Indianapolis Av., Indianapolis, Ind., is a creditable number of this new venture, and we recommend our readers to inspect the same. A sample copy will no doubt be sent upon request. The number before us is largely devoted to the S. P. A. with pictures of candidates, and notes about precanceled stamps. We hope the *Herald* will be able to secure second class rates.

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—C. M. Breder sends us a clipping from the *Newark Sunday Call*. The title is "Fortunes in Freak Stamps Brushed Aside by Those Unaware of Their Value" and the article is by Julius K. Egge, president of the Newark Stamp Club.

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Invited—The necessity for interest in the affairs of the American Philatelic Society has been presented to us in no uncertain words by a member of the society who for many years has been one of its main-stays. He asks that we hold a rally of the friends of the organization in order to create a greater degree of interest in the concerns of the society than is shown at present. We are of the opinion that it will not require much urging to induce many of the loyal members to bestir themselves on behalf of the old American Philatelic Society. If they feel that the affairs of the society are being regarded with indifference by the members generally, they will not sit idly by and see the American Philatelic Society enter into a decline. In our opinion there is a pressing need for more enthusiasm in the election of officers for the ensuing fiscal year than has been shown thus far and it is essential for the well-being of the society that something be done at once to stimulate interest in this regard, at least.

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Right—One of the catch questions in a stamp contest conducted recently at a meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was: Name a stamp of a foreign country that shows a picture of a United States battleship. Of course, all the contestants were stumped except your editor, who wrote that the 1909 issue of Uruguay to commemorate the opening of the port of Montevideo shows the U. S. war vessel in the flotilla depicted on the stamp. We could not name the vessel in question. Who can?

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"I am satisfied we can all fix the stamp of approval on the pleasures we have all enjoyed this evening, and am confident there will be no perforations to our intestines after cancellation of our obligations to the cook. The menu has embraced all shades and varieties and as water marks the prevailing beverage, I am confident there will be no inverts. No one can say but that there has been any quantity of space fillers, yea, even in chunks and blocks of four, thereby making duplicates unnecessary. In fact, everything has been mint, from which there can be no discount. Personally, I am very thankful I precancelled all other engagements to come here, and I am surcharged to such an extent that any indulgence in Storm Lake missions would put me where postmarks would have to be made of asbestos ink.

"In conclusion, all I can say is 'Great Scott! Long may he live for his life work in philately!' And I am sure I voice the sentiment of all types in extending thanks to the gentlemen who were instrumental in making this banquet so successful. There have been no errors and our want lists are completed, without the stereotyped phrase, 'Reference, please'."

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Eloquence—Harking back to the subject of philatelic eloquence as generated at philatelic banquets, easily the most finished speaker that we have ever heard was the late John Kerr Tiffany of St. Louis, who was the first, and for many succeeding years, president of the American Philatelic Society. From about 1885 to over a decade thereafter, Mr. Tiffany presided over or attended many philatelic banquets and from the first, his speech and manner were so felicitous as to make him remarked above all other speakers. Viewed from any angle, Mr. Tiffany was a great philatelist and

we think that it was a privilege to have heard him in all his brilliance on occasions when philatelists gathered around the "festive board."

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Similar—From Mr. Harry W. Gilchrist, Franklin, N. H., and Mr. Geo. W. Bye, Rutledge, Pa., we have received copies of the two cent brown, United States, 1883 issue, asking if the stamps are the same as those found by Mr. Gardner and described in the issue of April 29th. In the specimens submitted by our correspondents there are signs of a "cap" although the disturbances lack the decided outlines and effect of the variations on Mr. Gardner's stamps, we should say from memory. However, the stamps now under notice may show the preliminary signs of the inaccuracy in the plate.

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Prophecy—An astute collector recently said that in his opinion the time is coming when there will be a decided reaction against the hypercritical demands now generally made on the score of condition. He limits the scope of his prediction to the stamp of value that has a slight tear or other defect that now practically sends the specimen to Coventry. We know that this collector is sincere in his belief and has the courage of his convictions because he is a liberal buyer of stamps in the condition indicated. He asks if we do not think that his idea is reasonable and founded on probability. To attempt to forecast the trend of philatelic fashions is our idea of profitless undertaking. It is fair to say that the scarce stamp that has no part missing but which may have a tear almost imperceptible must receive greater consideration in the future than at present as the regard for such stamps now is at the minimum. Any change in collecting view that comes surely must be favorable to the submerged division and we do not see how the collector who really believes in these slightly impaired stamps can make a mistake in buying them at prevailing prices. It is difficult to maintain an advanced view on condition without going to extremes and when the "ultra-critical" stage has been reached, a reaction naturally follows. Our idea is that the collector can appreciate perfect condition and still have a favoring eye for the stamp that does not attain that standard.

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CHAPTER III.**The 1869 Issue.**

The issue of 1869 shows little of special fundamental interest in the grills. All are cross grills with a tendency in some papers and in some periods to dullness of impressed effects and at other times to clear-cut sharpness of embossing. Just what these differences mean I am not prepared to say. Further study may solve this problem.

This issue shows two sizes of stamps. The lower values to include the 12c are of one size while the bi-color stamps are a bit larger. The resulting difference in the distance between centers of stamps in the sheet made two cylinders necessary in order to center the impressions of the grilling rectangles. We find the two cylinders in use but it requires pairs or better to show the interval differences. The sizes of the rectangles vary little. I list the following.
G Grill. Cross grill, points down.12x11
12x10*
12x10****CHAPTER IV.****Issue of 1870.**

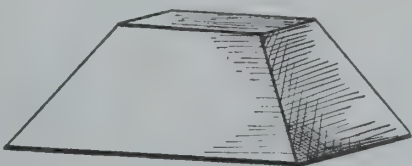
The issue of 1870 is our most difficult period simply because the work done averages so very poor in quality. Some sheets show some stamps well grilled, other stamps poorly grilled, and still others with no traces of embossing. Some part of the mechanism failed to do its part of the work. I see no evidence that the steel units in relief on the cylinders ever wore out or in any way failed. All the results seem to indicate frequent and irregular failure of the bed to hold the paper up against the pressure of the cylinder. As the units are really of very slight relief at best, a very slight failure of the bed to properly perform its functions would produce pronounced results.

Two families of grills are clearly indicated. While there are definite differences within each family, I here list but the two fundamental differences as families and will describe the others.

H Grill. Cross grill, points down.
13x15**I Grill.* Flat-topped grill units, points down.
11x12*

The impressions of the H grills are all those of cross-grill units. Two general differences are shown. Some come from pyramids with definitely dull points, but distinctly pyramidal. Others come from units of slight relief, very erect sides, and rather sharp pointed tops which barely penetrate the paper.

While the two kinds of impressions can hardly come from one condition of the cylinder, I class them as all of the same family in this size, 13x15*. It



No. 6.

This cut shows the general appearance of the truncated pyramid units of the 1870 I grill. The sides of these pyramids are probably a bit more erect than here shown and the bases, relative to the tops, also smaller.

seems probable that the second described units are due to a sharpening of the units of the other description.

The impressions of the I grills are also of two kinds. The commoner ones show definitely that the units used were flat-topped or truncated pyramids. These show rather broad bases, somewhat slanting sides, and relatively large plane tops parallel to the faces of the stamps. The bottoms of the pits in the faces of the stamps come from just such pyramidal units with no traces of a pointed pyramid acting. The other kind of impressions come from units with very small and irregularly flat tops, small bases and very erect sides. These are very rare. I have found but five or six in the 3c value to date, from as many different sources. All the I grills come in the one area, 11x12* units.

While there are comparatively few specimens from this period that show clearly every detail as described above, there are few, very few, with distinct traces of grill that cannot be readily placed in one of these four classes by anyone with a proper knowledge of the details here given, study of the cuts, and study of some decent specimens. The descriptions sound complicated. The facts are much less so.

That about ends the discussion and description of the issued grills, except for a number of things that could not readily be handled directly in the body of this article, in which I wished to cover only the fundamentals.

CHAPTER V.**Cylinder Production.**

The female cylinder in its entire state was doubtless produced by pressing into it, while both revolved, the similar relief units on the face of a smaller roller. In some examples of the entire grill on plain specimen paper the lap-rows between successive applications of such a roller can be seen clearly, being indicated by rows of deformed units from deformed pits in the face of the grilling cylinder. These lap-rows show the use of a roller having thirty-six (36) rows of little pyramidal relief units. The roller was apparently run directly around the cylinder, being raised and readjusted at each turn.

The male cylinders were probably made by covering the entire grilling surface with the little relief pyramids by cutting grooves in the two directions, and then planing off the bare strips previously mentioned. One set *always* runs directly lengthways of the cylinder and was doubtless produced by a single pointed tool. In all cases where determination has been possible, the grooves the other way, around the cylinder, were made in sets by using a multiple pointed tool. The spiral thus produced is shown best in action in the 1869 grills. The cut shows about what can be seen on the backs of a pair of the lower values.

In cut No. 7 you are looking at the points of the paper units and therefore have the same effects as if looking at the actual steel units on the cylinder. The obliquity runs to the left. It is impossible that such an obliquity could be produced by cutting a groove around the cylinder in a spiral, traversing lengthways the cylinder but one unit per turn, or about 1-32 inch. The obliquity would not be detectable on the stamps. Assuming the cylinders to have been about six inches in diameter, about ten points are indicated on the grooving tool.

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1912 Denmark, 35 on 20 78 .12
1912 Denmark, 35 on 32 79 .35
1912 Denmark, 35 ore orange 80 .03
1912 Denmark, 5k red 84 .50
1914 Denmark, 35 ore orange 94 .02
1914 Denmark, 50 ore claret 95 .03
1914 Denmark, 1k brown 96 .05
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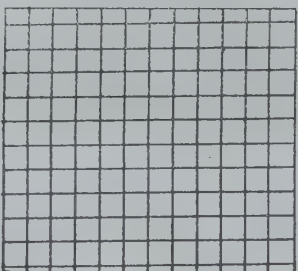
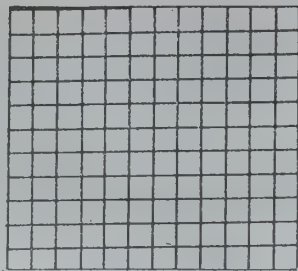
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This solution of the apparent facts regarding the obliquity to be easily observed is not intended to close the study of this point. It should serve merely to open it up thoroughly for study by anyone interested. Someone may find this solution wrong. The obliquity is there and can be measured with some degree of accuracy. If this solution does not appeal to you, let us have your true solution. I will be glad to accept it, if it is correct. Examination of large blocks, especially of this 1869 issue may give results.

CHAPTER VI. Other Grills.

Other grills exist some of which seem to belong to the early experimental period and some to a later one. Among those possibly of early experiments are the pin-point grills, and the biscuit grills from male units shown on specimens catalogued as Scott's No. 83a. These are presumably essays or samples and should not be confused with or listed as issued grills. Another entire grill I have seen is one which shows little square, or nearly square, flat-pointed units somewhat similar to the 1870 I grill units. This may be the original cylinder source of the I grills, and may belong to the preliminaries of that period. Also, it may have been an early male grill experimental cylinder, abandoned during the 1867 period and used for the production of the I grill cylinder in the period when they were saving money on grill production. It may have no relation to any other grill.

I have not been able to locate all the sizes of areas previously noted as existing. This is probably due to a number of causes, but I must assign all such to faulty observations until I have an opportunity to examine specimens. I have seen abnormal sizes that were merely double grills. Others, in unused specimens came from grills in the gum only, produced by pressing two sheets or parts of sheets together, back to back. The extra grilling in this case disappears with the gum. Still other sizes have been seen in grills that none would suspect to be genuine.

To put it frankly, no determination as to the genuineness of any grill, or as to what kind of a departure from the normal is represented in any specimen seen, is of any value unless based on detailed knowledge of the normal grills, actually issued, such as is here presented. Greater knowledge than that here given would give more perfect determinations. Much that has previously been written on the grills is nearly worthless on account of the very apparent lack of just such knowledge, largely the result of faulty observation. The one statement

that the cross-grill effects (where an exact X break is produced in the paper) is characteristic of all genuine grills, thoroughly discredits the longest previous list of grill sizes I have seen. Those exact cross breaks are quite exceptional as previously noted, while, for example, the truncated pyramids of the I grill are obvious to the most casual observer intent on seeing only what can be easily seen. Some of the other details require closer scrutiny but the same fact remains.

There is absolutely no evidence among issued stamps with the grills to indicate that the different effects in any period are due wholly (as has been stated of the 1870 issue) to the use of the grilling mechanism on two or more sheets at one time, the differences in impression on successive sheets being identifiable as coming thus from a first sheet, a second sheet, a third sheet, and so on, and as due wholly to differences in depth of impression. Quite the contrary. Such a grilling of two or more sheets may have been done at times, intentionally or otherwise. It was most certainly not customary.

It requires little mental effort to see the impossibility of making direct impressions of the little steel units in a second sheet without in some unexplainable manner getting rid of the intervening first sheet. As this is not the case, under such an assumption, the grills in the second and following sheets must come from the units embossed above the backs of the first sheet pressed into the face of the second sheet and so on in turn. Examination and comparison of available specimens, of all pits and of all points, shows clearly that their shapes were otherwise obtained. As the statement was originally made of the 1870 issue, it is sufficient to study a very little the differences between the grills of the pointed pyramids and those from the truncated pyramids. This illustrates the matter near its limits but my remarks apply also to the grills of the other periods as well. Some of the fainter of the 1869 grills may have come from just such second sheets but there is absolutely no evidence at present to prove it and other causes in operation could as readily produce the differences there found.

(To be continued.)

OMAHA ACTIVITIES.

The Omaha Stamp Club held its annual banquet at Hotel Loyal, Omaha, Neb., on Friday evening, May 5, with the following present: R. C. Hoyt, J. W. Welch, Ora E. Stark, F. S. Parmelee, G. L. Swartz, C. C. Meihner, W. H. Zimmer, Geo. A. Warren, M. B. Newman, H. A. Cameron, C. C. Westerdahl, B. L. Wilcox, G. A. Wilcox, C. G. Eckman, N. T. Thorsen, Arthur J. Morphy.

Dr. W. P. Wherry had been slated to act as toastmaster, but at the last moment was prevented from attending, and his place was taken by Frank S. Parmelee, who introduced a number of speakers from among those present.

While the dinner was entirely informal, it was marked by an enthusiasm which promises great things for future dinners of the club, and each guest departed with renewed interest in the society and its plans for the coming year.

The second annual convention of the Nebraska State Philatelic Society will be held at Omaha the latter part of September, and each member of the Omaha Stamp Club present at the dinner pledged his co-operation toward making the event the success it should be. It is hoped to make this convention a meeting of all Mid-West philatelists, and invitations will be extended to all collectors to join in making this the big Western convention of the year. Many from neighboring states have already announced their intention of attending, and it is hoped that all who feel that Boston or Washington is too far to allow them to meet with one of the national societies, will lay plans to come to Omaha in September.

The Omaha Club will hold but one more meeting before adjourning for the summer vacation on the night of May 19, but it is believed that by next fall

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

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At the beginning of the war negotiations had been completed with a New York shipping concern to operate a steamer between New York, Jamaica, Grand Cayman, and Isle of Pines, by this means obviating the necessity of transshipment in Jamaica, and also the long delays in receipt of goods from the States, on account of the irregular communication that now exists between Grand Cayman and Jamaica. However, owing to the outbreak of the war, the service has been postponed.

NON-SEPARABLE STAMPS.

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Lately, the United States Government, for some unknown reason, has been making the fiber between these perforations of steel, reinforced by concrete, or some other substance much tougher than the stamp itself. This can be demonstrated by anyone who has two stamps which he wishes to separate. They will tear anywhere except along the perforation line. How much the annual revenue of the government has been increased by this trick, which occasions the waste of many stamps every day, it is impossible to compute. Postmaster-General Burleson has our consent to go to three-cent postage, if he will only give us less tenacious stamps. It would save us considerable money.—Detroit News.

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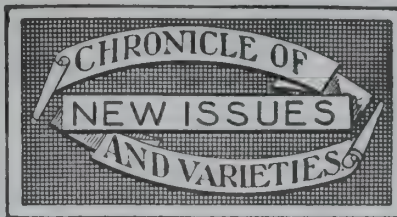
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—Walter S. Fishel has shown us a new Officially Sealed stamp, just issued by the Postoffice Department. The design is unchanged, but the stamp is printed in black on pink paper, and perforated 12.

Officially Sealed Adhesive. No value, black on pink.

CANAL ZONE.—Supplementing our chronicle of last week we have received from C. K. Harris specimens of the first set of stamped envelopes ever printed for the Canal Zone. The two stamps are somewhat different in shade from the regular adhesives, the 2c showing the stronger difference. There is no glue on the flaps of the envelopes due to climatic conditions in the Zone.

CEYLON.—The 25c King George has been seen in a new shade, orange yellow and ultramarine, instead of yellow and ultramarine.

Adhesive.

25c orange yellow and ultramarine.

CHINA.—Mr. Schachne reports the current cards surcharged for Shang Tung.

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JAMAICA.—This Colony has also issued a War Stamp, the 3d on yellow, white back, having been overprinted "War Stamp," like the New Zealand and Fiji Islands stamps. Unused specimens have been shown us by William L. Aldrich & Co. and D. C. Alexander, and a used copy by the New England Stamp Co. Mr. Alexander informs us that the current 1/2c stamp has received the same overprint.

War Stamp.

3d violet on yellow, white back; overprint black.

URUGUAY.—Harry T. Chism has shown us some new official stamps from Uruguay, the 8c lithographed stamp having been overprinted "Oficial" in script type placed diagonally reading up, and with a long straight line under. The specimens submitted are also perforated with large stars and Maltese crosses, like the diamond-shaped holes mentioned in Scott.

Official Adhesive.

8c ultramarine and black.

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

Stamp Collectors' Annual.—Published by the Aldine Publishing Co., Crown Court, Chancery Lane, London, W. C., and edited by Percy C. Bishop with Douglas B. Armstrong associate editor. Price 25c. For the thirteenth year we are favored with this very instructive annual review of philatelic achievements. The book shows a keen discriminating taste in the timeliness of its special articles, of which there are not a few. One has but to mention Wilmot Corfield, Derek Ingram, P. L. Pemberton, Fred. J. Melville, G. A. Higlett, D. B. Armstrong, B. Gordon Jones and A. B. Creeke, Jr., to give an idea of the merit of the literary matter. Mr. Pemberton has an article on "How to Identify Greek Stamps," which we hope to reprint some time in the future. Mr. Melville has a brief article on "The Stamps of Hayti" which we are promised will be supplemented with a more extensive work later on. The book carries a large amount of advertising and from a business standpoint seems to have scored a substantial success. The quality of paper used in the book reflects the hard times that prevail in the paper market but the book is well worth the price asked. We have a few copies to dispose of at the price indicated above, 25c.

Togo.—Published by D. Field, Royal Arcade, Old Bond St., London. Edited by Charles H. Greenwood. Price 25c. This book deals with the stamps of the British and French occupation of Togo. It is dedicated to H. J. Reckitt, who assisted the author in the preparation of the book. The frontispiece consists of a fine halftone of Lieut. Col. Bryant, commander of the British Expeditionary Force in Togo. It is fortunate that the history of these provisional stamps has not been left to some future date, when it would be exceedingly difficult to obtain the information now placed at the disposal of the student of these stamps. The book is gotten together in a very attractive form and is profusely illustrated, a number of full page half-tones being noted dealing with Togo subjects, a view of Lome and other localities in Togoland.

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. R. D.—The name of any stamp dealer with whom you have done business should be sufficient as a reference. Stamp dealers do not object to being referred to, as they must often trouble the other fellow in a similar way, and are really the most satisfactory reference to give to another dealer. Reference to John Jones, Grocer, or Bill Smith, your next-door neighbor, is hardly satisfactory as the dealer seldom knows the reliability of the reference, while every dealer is willing to accept the name of another dealer as reference. After you get one or two established connections in the stamp business, you will not find it hard to offer references.

C. T. W.—Your India stamp is a revenue, and quite common. I cannot give you the other information you desire.

G. W. Jr.—Your Austrian 35h stamp with numeral 65 in one corner is evidently caused by a defect in the plate, making the 3 read like a 6. This would be of interest to a specialist, but would not command a very high premium.

J. E. Z.—If the peso stamp is demonetized, as many are, the dealer could well afford to sell it at 5c. If it is a current issue, the face value would make it worth more than 5c. (Guatemala and Paraguay are worth but little over 5c, however.)

The three Mexican stamps you describe are revenues and have little value. If they are the peso stamps you refer to, the dealer could well afford to sell them at 5c, for they are often used without cancellation, the tearing off of the label at the bottom being evidence of use.

Please address future inquiries to me at Chicago, not Boston. See address above.

A. L. S.—You're right, they are certainly hitting the 9c pretty hard. Still, why not put them in the wood-box, and keep the coal bin for the 10c?

A. M. S., Milwaukee—Many thanks for your suggestion. Some day we may decide to adopt it.

F. F. S.—The Mauritius and North Borneo stamps you mention are cancelled for sale to collectors. The Mauritius with word "cancelled" are part of a stock of remainders which were cancelled to prevent further use, and were sold at less than face value. The North Borneo 1909 and other issues with gum, yet cancelled, are also sold less than face, for re-sale to collectors. North Borneo with genuine postal cancellations are scarce and desirable. They have generally town cancellations, if they have actually been through the mail.

G. T., Wayland, Mass.—Both the stamps you describe are revenues and have little value. Not having a cata-

logue at hand, I cannot tell you the exact price.

R. J. M.—Your Bavarian stamp is either a local or revenue stamp. There are so many of these that I cannot attempt to become familiar with them.

PRINTER'S WASTE.

Bela Szkula in his latest catalogue, speaks highly of a magnificent lot of mixed stamps he has recently purchased from an orphan's father. What do you make of this, Watson?

Is there any hope for the collector who writes for a specialized selection of Ionian Islands? Put him in the same coop with the man who collects only Tierra del Fuego, postally used.

A local Mexfiend has shown me a recent official stamp of Mexico with a hair imbedded on the stamp at time of printing. Can this be part of the Presidential Whiskers?

OUR VILLAGE.

Traces of a run on U. S. have been seen. A local stamphound just bought \$3.00 worth of U. S. and only one was a sleeper.

Jake was around the other day and slipped us some more 3c greens. Come again, Jake.

Ever since Hugh Clark stopped in these parts, certain stamps have begun to disappear into the depths of safes and stock-books. We have six of them.

A big guessing contest was held at the C. P. S. 't'other night to see who the real buyer was that Power thought he had discovered from Chicago. It was a draw, because everybody claimed it.

Where are the War Provisionals our Army should be issuing?

Anybody want to trade a lot of Netherlands for a brass bed? Ever since we took up the first issues, we haven't had time to sleep in it.

THE SECOND POST.

(Received by a local dealer.)

Dear Sir:—What is a lot of fine \$2.00 State Dept. and other very beautiful stamps worth to you I found a lot in our attic. Some are heavy cancelled and are not perforized one side but are good copys like the N. Y. dealers sell you in theyre action sales I think these are worth at lest a hundred dollars but I will take fiftene if you will send it all at onst, as I need some money to bye a motorscyel what runs with gasleen They are two two dollar state dept. and one (1) 30c 1869 and a hole box of other fine stamps though none aint so rare like these most are commun 3c green stamps like was used in those days. send fiftene dollars. Yours truly,

P. S.: If you don't want to send fiftene dollars, send ten, i need money.

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(a) The touch of romance given by the possession of things from far-away lands.

(b) The educational value of stamps.

(c) The ease with which stamps may be secured.

(d) The fact that they are an asset to the collector and not a liability.

It is not necessary to go beyond my own collection to illustrate all of these points.

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CHAPTER VII.

Grill Oddities and Varieties.

Split Grills.—This term is applied to specimens showing parts of two or more (occasionally four) different rectangles of grill on the same stamp from one operation, due to improper centering of the sheet with respect to the cylinder. They are freaks of the grilling operation and of about the same rank and importance as similarly rotten jobs of perforating where parts of two or more stamp designs show on one stamp paper. All such freaks are interesting and, of course, collectible but are hardly of variety rank.

Double Grills.—These are a little different thing. They cannot come from one application of the process. In most satisfactory copies seen, there was apparently a first attempt which was faulty in being either faint, slightly oblique, or badly centered to the stamp, or a combination of these faults. This was followed by a second attempt to correct the first. This second attempt is not always a complete success either.

It is possible that full sheets were occasionally thus doubly grilled but I think it more probable that in the general case a small part only of a sheet was so doubly impressed. On starting a sheet through the mechanism, it must have required quite close attention to prevent improper placing. Assuming that a sheet was started wrong, a bit obliquely, or a little too soon or too late, the natural thing to do would be to remove it after but a little of it was faultily impressed and to correct the error. A slight degree of obliquity would produce quite a displacement of the last row of grills produced while showing but little obliquity in any given grill rectangle.

Among grills, these specimens surely rank as grill varieties, and I so class them. Except for the differences in actual rarity of existence of the stamps themselves, there would be no reason why we could not expect to find double grills on each value. As things stand, the probabilities are against so finding

them. As we locate this variety we can readily list it.

Inverted Grills.—These have been previously listed as existing, but not commonly. They would be grills applied from the direction opposite to that normal to their family; as, an E grill applied with points up. I do not think these occurred in full sheets. It is highly improbable. The best one I have seen was undoubtedly due to a sheet having been partly folded while grilled and the part folded, either under or over, received the grilling from the direction opposite to that of the rest of the sheet. Most folds seem to be oblique. That was the case with this specimen. The grill was oblique, points up, but otherwise a true G grill on a genuine 3c, 1869. I consider these true grill varieties.

I have also seen specimens listed as showing a normal grill and an inverted grill. These could occur from the workman noticing just such an invert as above, and correcting it by removing the sheet and taking out the fold. Correct processing of the sheet would then give the stamp a normal grill in addition. These may well exist. The only one I have seen showed a normal grill that was quite genuine while the inverted grill was undoubtedly a fake, applied as an afterthought, some years after. Such of these as exist are a sort of double grill and I would list them as a "double grill, one inverted."

Miracles.—Possibly the most interesting of grill varieties are the very few double grills which are so impressed that the second application extends the first one either straight endwise or straight sidewise, making a nearly perfect grill rectangle of an absolutely abnormal size. Of these, I have seen the 15c, 1869 with a grill of the proper width but 17 units long. The units of the doubly impressed rows almost exactly cover and only the slight obliquity and a very little difference in the depth of the two impressions shows it to be a double grill. I have a very similar miracle in the F grill and have recently seen one in the E grill, both on the 3c, 1867. These may have

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CHAPTER VIII.

Still Other Items.

Imperforates.—None of the imperforates listed seem to be more than essays or the customary trimmed perforate singles. As before mentioned, the only specimens seen of the catalogue No. 83a were undoubtedly either samples, essays, or fakes. It is possible that they do not belong to the period of the issued grills but to either the Continental or the American Bank Note Co. from a much later date. There are quite a few things we have never been told about these possibilities.

Essays.—These have their place in our study of our stamps from first to last regardless of how they came on the market. Our study of our grills will not be complete till we have an essay on essays. It is, however, unfair to them to list them as issued stamps, as unfair to them as to the stamps themselves. To list them improperly also has distinct traces of dishonesty, both commercial and philatelic.

It is to be hoped that some day we will be told the exact truth about all the existing unaccounted for oddities.

Counterfeits.—Such things also exist mainly in those varieties that with the grill bring rather high prices, though some of them are to be found on the cheapest values. I have also seen counterfeits on the Continental issue and even on the stamps of the American period. Most of those I have seen should not fool anyone with any exact knowledge of the genuine grills. A few are so well done as to be dangerous to anyone not fully familiar with grill details. There may be some that have always and always will fool us all. I doubt this. The faker almost invariably misses some essential detail or exaggerates some detail that impressed him strongly. Study only can be depended upon for protection in all cases.

The 5c and the 30c of the 1867 issue are listed as existing with the entire grill. Specimens of these exist and have been passed as O. K. However, until I have examined such items, I cannot take them seriously, for good reasons before stated. I have no confidence in them, certainly not as existing with the A grill with the biscuits from the female cylinder.

Specimens of the 1869 issue are listed as without grill, and they bring nice prices. Specimens of this issue do so exist with no traces of grill. I know it because I have found copies beyond suspicion as to origin (and I am quite suspicious); furthermore, I have made some myself.

This is a simple matter of proper wetting and proper pressure of some of the fainter grills of this period where the paper has not been much strained by the embossing. The catalogue is quite right in excluding the used stamps without gum. I am also afraid I could not bring myself to pay much for fully gummed ones either. Certainly I do not accept the general claim that there was one separate batch of grillless stamps of this issue which experts can differentiate per-

fected by shades, etc., as being the genuine non-grilled, high-priced ones. Collect them if you wish but spend your own money for them.

CHAPTER IX.

The Continental Grills.

Specimens of the work of this company exist in several values with a grill not produced by the National Co. I have been so far unable to obtain any satisfactory information regarding their origin, reason for existence, or as to the channels through which they came onto the market. To date, the best information is hazy but seems to indicate that they were produced by the Continental Bank Note Co. for some reason wholly unconnected with their use under the existing contract, either actual or prospective. They are supposed to have by some means reached the P. O. at Washington, D. C., and have there been regularly issued. These things may have some interest as being in actual existence, but it seems absolutely certain that the grills were never issued even if the stamps were. There is some distinction.

If anything better can be said for these stamps, I certainly wish someone with exact knowledge would tell us about them. I want justice done them whether it compels us to include them in our lists or makes us throw them out definitely as junk.

That, I think, covers nearly everything of first importance in our issued grills. Plenty of room remains for detailed investigation into other little details. These details are difficult to describe and description of them would be of no advantage to the average collector, or to many well above the average. When you have studied the subject till thoroughly familiar with the normals here described, you will find these little questions for yourselves. Till then, I hope this much of a discussion will be sufficient to keep you busy.

THUNDER BAY PHILATELIC ASS'N.

This society was organized a few weeks ago by the philatelists of the twin cities, Port Arthur and Fort William, Ont., and meets once every three weeks during the summer and once a fortnight during the winter. The first meeting was held on March 26th, last, and the following officers were elected: president, W. Russell Brown; vice-pres., J. V. Detlor; sec.-treas., J. C. Astwood; librarian, W. R. Pringle; additional directors, A. F. Manchee, F. Thynne, A. R. Henman and Thos. Ohlgren.

NOMINATIONS BY PHILA. BRANCH 18.

At the meeting of the Phila. Branch No. 18 of the American Philatelic Society, May 19, the following ticket was nominated: president, C. A. Howes of Mass.; board of vice presidents, Dr. Carroll Chase, H. H. Wilson, and Wm. B. Sprague of New York; treasurer, C. F. Heyerman, Mich.; int. sec., L. H. Kjelstedt, Pa.; directors, Henry N. Mudge, Ill., and H. B. Phillips, Calif. The branch also endorsed the nomination of the Garfield-Perry Branch for secretary, Otto F. Moses. The Phila. Branch recommends the reappointment of P. M. Wolsieffer for sales superintendent.

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—"Fred Andrews of Sims, Ind., requested me, some time ago, to send him a selection of stamps on approval giving a number of business firms as references, all of which were fakes. A letter addressed to Andrews was returned unclaimed."—E. A. KAIREs.

—The Board of Directors of the A. S. D. A. have been unable to entertain applications for Associate membership recently on account of the peculiar reading of the Constitution. This will be remedied at the next convention.

—Introduced in the House of Representatives May 17, 1916, by Representative Wm. E. Cox, of Indiana:

Joint resolution authorizing the Postmaster General to prepare and provide for a distinct postage stamp for the one hundredth anniversary celebration of the State of Indiana.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Howard W. Blake, Gordon H. Crouch, W. G. Birdseye (2), Joseph L. Jelinek, Allen S. Davenport.

—We have been shown by A. W. Hutchinson a variety of the Cameroon "C. E. F." 2 1/2d on 25pf with the fraction bar missing.

—The New York press announces that Italy has forbidden the exportation and the German government the importation of used and unused postage stamps. It is reported that secret codes have been built upon the use of postage stamps sent through correspondence, and the facts becoming known resulted in the above decisions of the two governments in question.

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FRIENDSHIPS IN PHILATELY.

By HARRY E. HUBER.

I have gotten much pleasure out of my stamps, and collecting in general—but philately would be rather barren to me if the personal element were eliminated. Capturing a needed stamp is a temporary pleasure—the chase is on again—this time after another stamp.

When I took up the stamps of the Cayman Islands, back in 1907, instead of getting them via the usual new issues method, I opened up correspondence direct with the Islands. By this means, I formed a friendship which has lasted these nine years, and I am hopeful that it may continue many more.

I have made friends of many folks in the Islands in the intervening years, and much to my surprise, and great pleasure, while on a vacation trip last August, New York to Mobile, via Mallory steamer, I met a gentleman from Grand Cayman, who proved to be a brother of my earliest correspondent.

Common interest in Caymanian postal matters brought me in touch with the late Chas. B. Bostwick, of New York, and a meeting with him in 1911.

Through mutual interests, letters have been exchanged with collectors in England and Scotland—and these collectors have proven not mere correspondents, but real friends.

THE SONORA "ANVIL" ISSUE.

F. E. Stevens of Nogales, Ariz., takes exceptions to the article which appeared in the WEEKLY February 12, in which it was stated that only the 5c and 10c values of the anvil issue were legitimately in circulation.

Mr. Stevens submits photographs of certificates covering details concerning this issue as well as a registered cover bearing the five values, 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20c, with Hermosillo registration number.

Among the certificates photographed are the following:

(a) One by Manuel Lacarra, postmaster general of the Villa government, made Oct. 26, 1915, stating that these stamps were in circulation in all of the state of Sonora as well as outside of the state, and used on ordinary mail, registered letters, parcel post, etc. Certified to before the American Consul at Nogales, Sonora.

(b) One from Miguel Serrano, postmaster at Hermosillo, confirming the preceding and adding that the registration book of the Hermosillo office shows the extensive use of all values. Certified before the French Consul at Hermosillo.

(c) One from Carlos Martinez in charge of the registry division, Hermosillo post office, affirming that these stamps were used in all the state of Sonora and outside the state, and that he personally registered many letters to which were affixed stamps of the 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20c values. Certified before the French Consul at Hermosillo.

Mr. Stevens states that Gov. Randall ordered the postmaster general to have the word "Plata" overprinted on the anvil issue and this was done on the 1, 10 and 20c values and in addition printed and issued a 50c value. This latter is printed in four rows, the upper two rows having the colored wreath while the lower two rows are without the wreath. The "Plata" issue did not circulate outside of the district of Hermosillo, which is one of the nine sub-divisions of Sonora, for the reason that there was no train service. They were circulated locally and to those points reached by stage. The certificates of Martinez and Lacarra bear witness to this effect.

MR. STEVENSON'S GRILL ARTICLE.

It is our intention to reprint in booklet form Mr. Stevenson's article on U. S. grills and the last instalment appears this week. We shall hold the matter in type for a possible Addenda, and any of our subscribers having grill information of value are requested to communicate with Mr. Stevenson, whose address is Flint, Mich. It is his desire to have the article authoritative in every respect, and correspondence is solicited. The matter must be given immediate attention.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Established—There will be an interesting addition to our postmarks judging from the following departmental order: The postmaster at San Francisco is authorized to establish a station in connection with the parcel-post exhibit at the People's Fair, in the Civic Auditorium, from June 3 to 10, 1916, inclusive, with facilities for the sale of postal supplies, the transaction of money-order, registry and parcel-post business, and the receipt and dispatch of mail.

Military—Mail from the soldiers in Mexico is now coming stampless with postage due, rated by stamps, charged at destination; and we have just received a United States postal card from "somewhere in Mexico" with the Columbus, New Mexico, postmark. Again, we must remark that no departmental orders have been issued from Washington that we have seen providing for the treatment of mail originating from our soldiers in Mexico.

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Amendment—The following departmental order is an amendment to Paragraph 2, Section 1610, Postal Laws and Regulations, by order of the postmaster-general:

"Railway postal clerks shall accept from the public, unless otherwise ordered, all mail matter, except that of the fourth class, upon which the proper rate of postage is paid; all matter in penalty envelopes or bearing the frank of any person entitled thereto by law; soldiers' and sailors' letters unpaid when duly certified; and matter of the first class upon which the stamps are canceled when re-addressed for forwarding."

Idle—It is a mistake for a member of the American Philatelic Society to discredit any suggestion of politics in the workings of the society and any pose for the purpose of suppressing a natural exuberance, let us say, once a year is a dangerous one. The desirability of centering the interest of members on the organization at a time when there is a lull in activity is recognized by many who think that a show of attention to nominations and election of officers should be encouraged. At any rate, it is futile to speak of any danger from politics at a time when it is difficult to stir the members to make nominations for office. We may say in this connection that a candidate for the office of secretary has declared himself in the person of Mr. H. T. Willcox, Jewett City, Connecticut, who has been a member of the society since 1911 and who has served on the recruiting committee to advantage. Mr. Willcox writes: "I have had the pleasure of proposing new members each year that I have belonged to the society. I am not interested in any other stamp society and therefore my loyalty and time would not be divided with any other philatelic organization. I can furnish the best commercial or business references. My best references, however, would be to refer you to the many collectors with whom I have had business relations along the line of my specialty—government booklet panes. I am not a dealer and if I am elected to this office, I would promise to fulfill all of the necessary duties faithfully and to the best of my ability." We know enough about Mr. Willcox to be able to say that we are gratified that a man of the equipment of Mr. Willcox has appeared on the horizon.

Limit—An ardent collector's idea of entertaining the object of his devotion was to read to her by the hour from the somewhat unexciting, even if instructive text books on stamp collecting. When asked what effect his zeal had, he said that the young lady was not really interested but had pretended to be for his sake. We had an idea that it was something for the fair to register the proper notch of enthusiasm when looking at his stamps but listening to him read aloud from a collectors' guide while the movies flourish all around is the double zero in entertainment.

Business—It is a subject for comment by the person newly introduced to philately, who has had business experience in general commercial lines in which a considerable amount of capital was invested, that the stamp dealers of the country have established no association or organization to represent their interests collectively. Latterly, there has been a movement on the part of dealers to support one or two protective bodies that have for their main object the defeat of fraud at the expense of the dealers. In this day, when friendliness among the followers of a given line of business is developing as never before and when modern methods prescribe a co-operation between trade-fellows, it may be surprising to the on-looker that philately has no purely commercial organizations. We may look for a manifestation at any time of the collective commercial spirit as it is almost certain that a progressive step of the kind will be taken. It would be fitting that such an organization did not restrict its activities to providing protection for its members but would engage in welfare work generally, such as deciding questions of ethics and answering commercial questions of conduct.

Argument—Our explanation to account for the absence of dealers' organizations in a line heavily capitalized as the stamp business is in the aggregate has been that in our philatelic organizations dealers took a prominent part as a rule and consequently, in promoting the

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common weal, they profited as well as all philatelists. This argument was fair enough and still has some basis, but latterly, the dealers while loyal enough members of our philatelic societies, do not seem to be so industrious in society work as they were once. At rare intervals anyway, it will be necessary to cope with problems that affect the dealer to a much greater extent than the collector and it follows that an organization for the dealers is strongly indicated. The time is propitious for a broad-gauge philatelic-trade organization and its creation would have an undoubted moral effect. For instance, it would still the undertone that stamp dealers are so narrow-minded and so jealous of one another that they cannot bring themselves to support a movement for the good of all.

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By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

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POSTAGE STAMPS.

22.—To enable the Public to prepay conveniently by Postage Stamps the foregoing rates, the following denominations of Postage Stamps for use throughout the Dominion, have been prepared, and will be supplied to Postmasters for sale:—

Half cent Stamps	
One cent do.	All bearing, as a device, the effigy of Her Majesty.
Two cent do.	
Three cent do.	
Six cent do.	
Twelve and a half cent do.	
Fifteen cent do.	

23.—The Postage Stamps now in use in the several Provinces may be accepted, as at present, in prepayment of letters, etc., for a reasonable time after the 1st of April; but from and after that date all issues and sales to the public will be of the new denomination.

The section regarding "Franking and Free Matter" provides that only letters sent to or by the Governor-General, the Speaker or Chief Clerk of the Senate or of the House of Commons, Parliamentary papers, and legislative documents, such as petitions, addresses, and votes, shall be carried free of postage.

The most important change effected by the above quoted regulations was the reduction of domestic postage from five cents to three cents. It will be noted there are now no prepaid 5c or 17c rates and but one at 10c (on letters sent to British Columbia and Vancouver Island) consequently these denominations were dropped from the new series. On the other hand the ½c rate on transient newspapers, which had to be prepaid, the regular 3c letter rate, the 6c rate to the United States, and 15c for the new British Packet rate made necessary the issue of these four values in addition to the 1c, 2c, and 12½c denominations, which were retained. All these stamps were printed by the line-engraved process, as in the case of the earlier issues, the sheets consisting of one hundred specimens arranged in ten horizontal rows of ten each. A new firm—the British American Bank Note Company, of Montreal and Ottawa—were entrusted with the manufacture of these stamps and, like their predecessors, they applied their imprint to the plates, so that it is shown four times on the margins of the sheets of the printed stamps. Mr. Howes describes the imprint as follows:—

The imprint appears in colorless capitals on a narrow strip of color with bossed ends, and reads **BRITISH AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO., MONTREAL & OTTAWA**. This strip is framed by a very thin parallel line, its entire width being but one millimeter, while its length is about 51 mm. It occurs but once on a side, being placed against the middle two stamps (numbers 5 and 6) of each row at a distance of about 3 mm. The inscription reads up on the left and down on the right, as before, but the bottom one is now upright, instead of being reversed.

In the case of the half cent stamp at least, we find an additional marginal imprint over the second and third stamps of the top row. This consists of the words **HALF CENT**, in shaded Roman capitals 4 mm. high,

the whole being about 40 mm. long. Presumably the same thing, varied for each denomination, occurs on other values of the series, as we find it does on the succeeding issue; but a strip from the top of a sheet of the 15 cent stamps proves that it was lacking on that value at least.

The new stamps came into use on April 1st, 1868, and are all much alike in design. All values show a profile portrait of Queen Victoria, with head to right, on a background of horizontal lines within a circle, but the ornamentation and disposition of the inscriptions and numerals of value in the surrounding frame is different on each. The *Stamp Collector's Magazine* for May, 1868, in announcing the issue, gives a good description which we cannot forbear quoting, viz:—

We are now in possession of, as we presume, the entire series of stamps for the Dominion of Canada, consisting of seven values—½ cent, 1, 2, 3, 6, 12½, and 15 cents. It would be indeed odious to compare them with the issues for another confederation lately formed. They are the work of a newly-formed colonial company, and are worthy to take rank beside any which have been manufactured by the rival companies of New York. The design, as we stated last month in noticing the 15c—the first of the set to appear—bears a resemblance to that of the lower values of Nova Scotia, but shows the Queen's head turned to the right. The new "British American Bank Note Company, of Montreal and Ottawa", has done well to copy so good a device, and certainly has not spoiled it, as the English engravers did in the four penny South Australian. Moreover, whilst retaining the central figure, by enclosing it in a differently-patterned frame for each value, they have given greater variety to the series. In all, care has been taken to make the numerals distinct; and it is as well that this has been done, as two of the values assimilate considerably in shade. The half cent is distinguished from the rest by its smallness—it is quite one-third less in size, but the device is the same. The stamps are all printed on substantial paper, are perforated, and of the following colors:

½ cent black	3 cents vermilion
1 " dull red	6 " brown
2 " green	12½ " deep-blue
	15 cents mauve

The two lowest values are for newspapers, and are far from being acceptable, notwithstanding their beauty of design, to the journalists. It had been expected that newspapers would be sent throughout the Canadian provinces free of charge; and there has been in consequence, a loud but ineffectual outcry against the general imposition of even a reduced rate of postage, and more especially at the enactment, that the charge must be paid by senders. "Proprietors of journals," says the *Quebec Chronicle*, "find it hard enough at present to collect the simple subscription, without demanding postage in advance. People who writhe at present under the payment of their bare paper account, will find forwarding postage, in advance, an excruciating sacrifice." The 2 cents is no doubt primarily intended for soldiers' letters. The 3 cents pays the new single rate for postage; the 6

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1913	10c blue, used	154	.07
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1913	2c green, unused	162	.03
1913	3c slate green, unused	163	.04
1913	5c rose lilac, used & unused	164	.08
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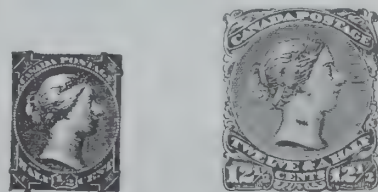
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cents the charge on letters to the United States. The 12½c represents the postage to England; and the 15c the rate for letters sent via New York. Possibly a 10c will yet be added to the series, but the old 17c will find no substitute in it. The new rates came into operation on the 1st April, and we suppose on that date all the pre-existing stamps of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick were withdrawn.



The stamps of this series provide quite an extensive range of shades, especially as regards the 2c, 6c, and 15c. In the case of the latter value the range of tints is so great that it is difficult to know what was its originally intended color. The first shade was evidently mauve, as given in the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* chronicle, but, as is so frequently the case with mauves, lilacs and violets, tint variations were soon noticed. Shades varying from deep red lilac to grey and blue-grey are known. It is difficult to draw the line, in some instances, between true shades and "fades" but the grey would appear to be undoubtedly a true color variety and one that should be recognised as a pro-

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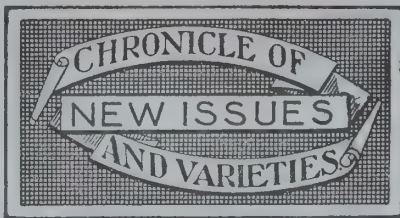
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UNITED STATES.—The new envelopes are only a few weeks old, and yet the usual batch of so-called varieties due to imperfect printing is already at hand. Evidently this is due to the soft matrices used in the printing process, and which become quickly worn. This results in the coarsening and spreading out of the letters and lines of the design. Raymond R. Freshwater and others have called our attention to minor varieties created in this manner, such as "T" and "S" in "Cents" joined; "O" and "S" in "Postage" joined; "P," "O" and "S" in "Postage" joined, and other similar freaks caused by the spreading of the letters.

Mr. Freshwater also reports having seen the new 2c envelope, with half of the stamp "Albino." Evidently the new contractors propose to repeat the poor printing of the previous series of envelopes, a series that would be considered a disgrace if provided as sales slips in a department store, or as transfer slips for a street railroad.

AUSTRALIA.—Mr. Morse reports the receipt of a letter card and envelope especially for the use of those writing to the troops. The principal line is "Military Letter Card" and is followed by the usual lines for name and military address, six in all.

The *Australian Stamp Journal* chronicles two new envelopes.

Military Letter Card.

1d carmine (K. G.) on gray, perf. E.

Envelope.

4d orange and carmine on manila.

Military Envelope.

1d carmine on white; 5/4x3 9-16 inches.

Registration Envelope.

4d pale yellow.

CANADA.—We are informed by Gordon H. Crouch that the 3c war stamp will soon be issued in an entirely new color. We are not at all surprised at this. The similarity between the present stamp and the regular 2c is very confusing.

CANAL ZONE.—We are also indebted to L. D. Van Valkenburgh for specimens of the new envelopes, as chronicled in No. 1323.

FIJI.—The *Australian Stamp Journal* reports that the new 1/4d stamp announced in No. 1324, on the authority of the *Colonial Journal*, was actually issued in the Islands April 1. The same paper says that the new "War Stamp" overprint is found on the 1d carmine stamps, printed from plate 1, as well as on the 1d scarlet stamps, printed from plate 5.

Adhesive.

1/4d brown.

FRENCH INDIA.—Two provisional envelopes are reported by *Maury's Collectionneur* as having been issued in this colony. The quantities printed were 500 of the 15c and 1742 of the 25c, the overprint being the figures "10" with a diagonal line over the previous value. The surcharge is in red in both cases.

Provisional Envelopes.

10c on 15c gray on green.

10c on 25c blue on pink.

INDIA.—Bundi.—Another value has been added to the series of 1915.

Adhesive.

8a orange.

Kishengarh.—A new rupee value has been added to the 1915 series.

Adhesive.

2r dark green.

JAMAICA.—Apropos the item in No. 1325 regarding the overprinting of the current 1/2d stamp for fiscal purposes,

Harry E. Huber reports a post card just to hand from Jamaica has the war tax paid by means of an unsurcharged 1/2d Arms type stamp, indicating that ordinary stamps may be used for this purpose as well as the special "War Stamp" surcharges.

MEXICO.—Raymond R. Freshwater sends used specimens of the 50c stamp of 1910, overprinted with the new "G. P. DE M." design, horizontally in red; and the 20c of the same issue, with the overprint in black, reading up on the left. The latter has the additional overprint of "Gobierno—\$—Constitucionalista" in black, also reading up.

Rush B. Johnson calls attention to the fact that the "\$" mark on all these "Gobierno—\$—Constitucionalista" overprints is placed indifferently right or wrong way up.

MIDDLE CONGO.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us a Red Cross stamp issued for this Colony, the 10c carmine and pale blue of 1907, having been surcharged with a cross and "5c" in black, evidently done locally with a rubber stamp.

Charity Stamp.

10+5c black on carmine and pale blue.

NEW ZEALAND.—The *Australian Stamp Journal* reports having seen "the 1/2d King George stamp printed on the paper which had been used for the large pictorial stamps. The new arrival will give philatelists something to consider, for owing to the fact that the watermarks do not fit the stamps, several remarkable varieties occur. For instance, while the N. Z. and star appear in their normal position on some stamps, on others the N. Z. is to be found at the bottom of the stamp and the star above it; others only show small portions of the watermark, while some do not show any watermark whatever. It will consequently be necessary to have large blocks and perhaps blocks from different portions of the sheets in order to show the full extent of the varieties. This innovation is a novel one, but it goes to show what may be expected so long as the war lasts."

Continuing, the same paper says: "We got a severe shock when we received shortly afterwards a supply of 1/2d King George stamps, surface printed, from a design similar to the recently issued 1/2d engraved stamps. We say similar, but we had to refer to the back of the stamp to see that the paper was watermarked before we could decide that it was not a forgery. It is such a clumsy production that many people will hesitate about accepting it as genuine, and we are somewhat astonished that those responsible sanctioned its appearance."

"We have received from a correspondent in New Zealand the 8d King Edward stamp, perf. 14x13 1/2. In consequence of the alteration in the postal rates of New Zealand, this denomination has again been brought into use."

O. Kendall reports having seen the 2d in yellow instead of violet as announced in No. 1324.

Adhesives.

1 1/2d grey, engraved, large pictorial paper.

1 1/2d grey, surface printed, wmk. N. Z. & star, perf. 14x15.

8d steel blue, perf. 14x13 1/2.

PERSIA.—Bright & Son report the following varieties of Persian provisionals: "Used copies of the recent 5Ch on 1 Kran overprinted on the 1909 issue, with overprint inverted; also, the same stamp with double overprint; also, a block of four of the 1Ch on 13Ch, 1914 overprint, in which the left hand stamp at top, and the right hand stamp at the bottom of the block of four have the surcharge inverted, and in addition, there is an additional overprint which comes right in the centre of the four stamps, showing a portion of the double overprint of each stamp."

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58 1914, 75c green60
92 Fiji 1914, 1sh green50
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118 1914, \$5 red & green, green..	4.50
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162 1912-14, 45c green50
163 1912-14, \$2 green & red yellow..	3.00
164 1912-14, \$5 green & red green..	5.00
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FREDERIC W. STILES, Sec.

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

Philatelic Cartoons.—Published by the Essex Pub. Co., Lynn, Mass. This book is the work of Leroy S. Bartlett, with a foreword by Walter M. Simpson. The readers of the WEEKLY are familiar with Mr. Bartlett's work as from time to time we have reprinted some of his cartoons by courtesy of the *New England Philatelist*. In the book before us are no fewer than thirteen cartoons and the descriptive matter by Mr. Simpson furnishes all that is needed to make the book a thoroughly enjoyable one. One thing is missing from the book, viz:—the price at which it is sold. Information can no doubt be obtained by interested parties by addressing the publishers as above.

POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA.

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visional, if wholly unintentional, color change. Scott, in fact, lists it as a separate issue under the date 1875-77, but this is an arbitrary classification which has, apparently, no foundation in fact, and the best plan is to include the variety in its logical place with the rest of the 1868 series.

The paper used for this set of stamps is what is generally known as "wove" and it varies, as Mr. Howes states, "from a very thin, almost pelure quality to a quite hard and thick variety." Mr. King, who was evidently untiring in his efforts to discover varieties of paper, says, "This series is of a most interesting nature, having a very large number of varieties of paper, all quite distinct, and specimens of some are of considerable rarity." Mr. King then lets himself go and describes some seventeen varieties of paper but, with the exception of two well marked varieties to which we shall make extended reference shortly, they all seem to resolve themselves into minute variations of the wove paper such as can be found in connection with most stamps of the 'sixties and 'seventies with the aid of a micrometer and a well trained imagination! We doubt whether any specialist, however willing and enthusiastic, could follow Mr. King through his intricate listing.

Scott's catalogue lists a sub-variety of all values except the 1/2c on "watermarked" paper. The watermarked letters found in these stamps were known at least as early as 1870 and much speculation was rife as to their meaning. Mr. John N. Luff finally solved the problem by assembling a large number of the watermarked stamps so that he was able to reconstruct the complete watermark, viz:—

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The letters are large double lined capitals 12 1/2 mm. high with the exception of the initial letters E, C and B of the upper line, which are 13 mm. high. The "watermark" is, of course, the trademark of the paper manufacturer and, like other watermarks of a similar nature, it is not of very great philatelic importance. It is very generally presumed that the paper watermarked in this manner was used provisionally—an opinion with which Mr. Howes seems to concur by his statement that "the watermarked paper must therefore have been used sometime during the course of the year 1868, probably the middle, when supplies of all values except the 1/2c were printed." But we fail to find from any evidence so far adduced that this watermarked paper was in use only during some well defined period. The fact that it is not found in connection with the 1/2c proves nothing for this value was of a different size from the others and doubtless paper of a different size, but the same quality was used so as to prevent unnecessary waste in cutting into sheets for printing. At best, as we have already stated, it is but a papermaker's trade mark, and it is difficult to understand on what grounds it is included in the catalogue as a variety to the exclusion of similar and well known examples in the stamps of other countries. We must confess that more importance seems to be attached to the variety than is warranted by its philatelic status and we commend to our readers' attention Major E. B. Evans' pertinent comments regarding it, viz:—

We feel bound to state that, unless the paper itself is of a different nature from the plain wove, this watermark seems to us to possess no interest whatever. It is evidently entirely unofficial, and it is quite possible that it only occurred in one sheet out of several of identically the same paper.

The other variety of paper which calls for special mention is a "laid" paper found in connection with the 1c and 3c values. It is obviously a true "laid" paper, the laid lines being very distinct, fairly wide and quite evenly spaced. While the use of this paper was, no

doubt, quite unintentional, it is a distinct variation from the normal wove which cannot be ignored by specialists, though we hardly think it is entitled to rank as a "major" variety as shown by the classification followed in Scott's catalogue. The 3c was discovered first and was mentioned in the *Philatelic Record* for March, 1882, as follows:—"Mr. Tapling informs us that he possesses the 3 cents red, issue of 1868, on laid paper." A few months later Mr. Corwin discovered a copy of the 1c which he described in the *National Philatelist* for January, 1883, as follows:—

Some time since I saw noted in the *Philatelic Record* the existence of a 3 cent Canada stamp, emission of 1868, on laid paper. In looking through my Canadian varieties, after reading this note, I discovered also a copy of the one cent red, same emission, on laid paper.

This laid paper was evidently used during the printing of the early supplies of the 1c and 3c denominations. Scott's catalogue lists the varieties under the date "1870" but we can find no evidence of any kind in support of this classification. Messrs. Corwin and King record a copy of the 1c postmarked November 27th, 1868, and the 3c is known dated August 31st, 1868, all of which points to the early use of this laid paper. The 15c on "thin paper, horizontally laid" was mentioned in the *American Journal of Philately* for October, 1892, on the authority of Mr. F. de Coppet but as the variety is not now catalogued and no copy seems to be known we presume its authenticity is a debatable question. The 1c, orange, was at one time listed on laid paper but this has been satisfactorily proved to be simply a "figment of the imagination".

In his article in the *London Philatelist* Mr. C. L. Pack describes the 15c as existing on "distinctly soft ribbed paper". Mr. King gives "ribbed" varieties for all values on both thin and thick soft paper but, as in the case of the earlier Canadian stamps found on ribbed paper, we think a lot of proof is yet necessary before these varieties can be accepted as anything better than accidental vagaries of printing.

The perforation used for the stamps of this series had a gauge of 12, as with the stamps of the preceding issue, and was the work of single line or guillotine machines. That is, each line of perforation, both horizontally and vertically, represented a separate stroke on the machine. The *Monthly Journal* for February, 1899, lists a minor variety of perforation in the 2c, 3c, 6c, 12 1/2c and 15c denominations in which the measurement is 11 1/2 x 12. Whether a machine with a gauge of 11 1/2 was in temporary use at some time or other is uncertain but if such was the case it seems strange that no copies are known perf. 11 1/2 all round or perf. 12 x 11 1/2. Even if it were due to a slight error in the placing of the perforating needles in some part of the full row it is strange that specimens gauging 12 x 11 1/2 are not known. We have been unable to find any further references to these varieties other than that stated above so that, until more information is forthcoming on the subject, they should be accepted with reserve.

The 15c of this series is known entirely imperforate and Mr. Howes records the 1/2c as existing in a horizontal pair, imperforate between.

The only "split" found in connection with this series occurs in the case of the 6c denomination, diagonal halves of which are known to have done postal duty as 3c. These appear to have been entirely unauthorized though, as they undoubtedly passed through the mail, they have an interest to collectors of stamps on cover.

Reference List.

1868. Engraved and Printed by the British American Bank Note Company, at Ottawa. Wove paper. Perf. 12.

- 16. 1/2c black, Scott's No. 21.
- 17. 1c brown red, Scott's No. 22.
- 18. 2c green, Scott's No. 23.
- 19. 3c red, Scott's No. 24.
- 20. 6c brown, Scott's No. 25.
- 21. 12 1/2c blue, Scott's No. 26.
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N. Z. PHILATELIC IRREGULARITIES.

Mr. John Mackay, the New Zealand Government Printer, who is shortly retiring on superannuation, is signalling his last year of office by perpetrating quite a list of "philatelic irregularities," shall we call them? First of all comes the installation of a new perforator gauging 14x13 1/2. This was applied to three denominations of the Edward VII. series, the 3d, 6d and 8d, but only in conjunction with the 14x14 1/2 machine, in the manner described by us in our February issue, that is the four top rows are perforated 14x13 1/2 and the remaining six rows 14x14 1/2. The issue of Georgians cannot be classed as irregularities except in so far as concerns the same dual perforation in most of the values. This irregularity, by the by, has not yet been found in the 2 1/2d, 4 1/2d, 5d, 7 1/2d or 1sh values. The increase in the rates of postage and stamp duties for war purposes was the cause of the varieties next in chronological order. The receipt stamp duty was raised from 1d to 2d. The colour of the latter stamp, a rich mauve, was found to be unsuitable for use as a receipt stamp, as the rubber stamps largely used in offices failed to efficiently cancel the stamp. It was therefore decided to transpose the colours of the 2d and 4d; the former has already been issued in the original orange-yellow of the 4d, and the latter will shortly be issued in the original mauve of the 2d. The addition of 1/2d to the ordinary postage rates has had a further effect in upsetting the existing arrangements.

The 1 1/2d stamp originally intended for the parcel rate of 1 lb. has now become the stamp most largely in demand for ordinary letters and therefore unsuitable (from the printer's point of view) for printing from the recess plate. A new plate of similar design but adapted for surface printing has accordingly been prepared and stamps from it have been issued. The newcomer is anything but a creditable production. Philatelists will say that compared with its predecessor it looks like a clumsy forgery, and its appearance should never have been sanctioned. Still, it will serve its purpose from a postal point of view. On the other hand, the increase of 1/2d has rendered the 4 1/2d and 7 1/2d, intended for 3 lb. and 5 lb. parcels, unsaleable, the new rates being 5d and 8d, respectively. The 8d stamp was not included in the Georgian series, and it has become necessary to print further supplies of the Edward VII. stamp of that value. Eightpence is now the minimum rate for a telegram, instead of 6d as formerly. The stamp is therefore largely in demand for that purpose.

Another irregularity which preceded the issue of the 1 1/2d King George surface printed must also be put down to the war. Owing to a threatened paper famine, and to the fact that the Cowan paper specially watermarked for the pictorial 2 1/2d and 9d is no longer required for those stamps, Mr. Mackay, with that care and consideration for the country's purse which has always characterised him, determined apparently to use up the small amount of that paper left unprinted, and has chosen the opportunity for so doing in the demand for a further printing of the 1 1/2d. Accordingly that value is now to be found on the

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paper described on p. 41 of the "History of New Zealand Stamps," and there marked (b). In this paper the watermarks are 24 mm. apart, and the consequence is that the 2nd and 7th vertical rows have completely escaped the watermark, while in the 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th and 12th rows only very small portions of the watermark appear.

After all it does not seem that any of the above mentioned irregularities were due to Mr. Mackay's "cussedness," as some collectors have thought—and said—but rather to the exigencies of the moment arising from circumstances not under his control.—*Aust. Stamp Journal*.

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CHAPTER IV.—First Series.

The first series consisted of three values, 2c, 5c and 10c. These were first issued on June 24, 1904, and continued to be used for twenty-four days, or until July 17, 1904, and were not available for postage after that date.

Fortunately, Dr. J. C. Perry, a surgeon in the U. S. Marine Hospital service, and a philatelic student was stationed at Ancon at this time and to his efforts and investigations we owe much of the information recorded concerning this and some of the later series. In regard to the first series he says:

"The first issue of stamps was authorized by executive order of the Governor of the Canal Zone, which provided that a limited number of stamps of the Panama Republic should be secured and surcharged 'Canal Zone' in order to meet the demands of the postal service until the United States stamps properly surcharged could be obtained from Washington. The supply was carefully guarded and a person was only allowed to purchase, at one time, stamps to the value of one dollar silver, or fifty cents U. S. currency. The executive order also cautioned persons against buying or keeping quantities of these stamps, as they would not be available for postage after a certain date, and such as were in the possession of persons not be redeemed. However, this note of warning was unnecessary as it was impossible to secure any quantity of these stamps." The order as to the number to be purchased at one time was evidently disregarded as blocks of the 5c and 10c values are known containing stamps to a greater value than that specified.

The stamps purchased from the Panama government to meet the requirements of this order were the two centavos of the third Panama surcharge, and the 5 and 10 centavos of the fourth Panama surcharge. A new surcharge was added by the United States authorities, which consisted of the words "CANAL ZONE" in one line of Roman capitals. This surcharge was applied by a rubber hand stamp, the ink

used being of a blue black color on all three values.

The surcharge on some of the stamps appears to differ slightly from that on others and the question has arisen as to whether one rubber stamp was used or more than one. On this subject, Dr. Perry in the article above quoted says: "I can positively answer that there was only one printing of the genuine specified above, and that only one rubber stamp was used in surcharging the stamps placed in use by the government. Only one rubber stamp was purchased, and the person who supervised the surcharging assures me that only one stamp was used. Some slight differences may seem to exist, but all such are due to the quantity of ink on the rubber stamp or the force with which it was applied in surcharging."

These three stamps are each worthy of special study and will be taken up separately.

The Two Cents Rose.

This value is scarcer than either of the others and presents many more minor varieties owing to its being of the third Panama surcharge which was particularly well supplied with errors. In studying these stamps one must bear in mind that the Panama surcharge, consisting of a colored bar at the top and the word "PANAMA" at each side of the stamp in the same color as the bar, was first applied to the stamps of the Colombian Republic and that afterward the "CANAL ZONE" surcharge was applied to the surcharged Panama stamps.

The errors of the third Panama surcharge are numerous. The most important of these are the one mentioned above showing the word "PANAMA" reading upward and downward on the same stamp instead of in the same direction on both sides of the stamp, and one in which this word is 15 mm. instead of 13 mm. long. This is found to occur on eight stamps in each half sheet or sixteen in the sheet. These are Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96,

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CHAPTER VIII.

The 1c Orange of 1869.

The 1c and 3c stamps of 1868 were so alike in color that it was soon found that confusion was easily possible between the two values. Early in 1869, therefore, the color of the 1c was changed to orange to prevent further mistakes. The exact date at which this change took place is not known, but in the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* for March 1st, 1869, we read:—

We have just received copies of the one cent printed in brilliant orange. No doubt this colour has been adopted in order better to distinguish it from the 3 cents, which it has hitherto too nearly approached.

From the above extract it would seem that the orange colored stamps were in use at least as early as February and though it has been asserted that the change took place on January 1st, 1869, we believe there are no official documents or early dated specimens in existence that would substantiate this statement.

These 1c stamps may be found in both orange and yellow shades as well as a combination of both. So far as is known they were printed from the same plate or plates as the earlier brown-red stamps.

The paper is the same as that used for the other denominations, i. e. wove, and the fact that this variety is not known with the watermark of the paper-maker's trade mark is generally adduced as the strongest evidence in support of the theory that this watermarked paper was only of a provisional nature and was used some time during 1868.

The perforation is the usual 12 and specimens are known entirely imperforate.

Reference List.

1869. Change of color. Wove Paper. Perf. 12.
 24. 1c orange, Scott's No. 31.

CHAPTER IX.

The Large 5c Stamp.

Although it somewhat interrupts the chronological sequence of our narrative, before dealing with the small "cents" stamps, first appearing in 1870, it will be as well to give the history of the large 5c stamp which, though not issued until 1875, really belongs by virtue of its type and general appearance to the series of 1868.

It is known that the die for this 5c stamp was engraved in 1867 at the same time the dies for the ½c, 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c, 12½c and 15c values were prepared for, in the *American Journal of Philately* for June, 1868, it is stated:—

The Canadian Government have had a 5 cent stamp prepared, engraved of the same type as the present set, the most noticeable difference being the circle round the head which is corded. The specimen sent us is printed in brown on India paper, bearing the Company's imprint underneath.

Though the die was all ready, as amply proved by the above extract, no plate was made as there was then no postal rate which required such a denomination. In 1875, however, the single letter rate between Canada and Great Britain was reduced to 5c as stated in the Postmaster-General's Report for 1875, viz.:—

A treaty for the formation of a General Postal Union, and for the adop-

tion of uniform postal rates and regulations for International correspondence, was arranged and signed at Berne, Switzerland, in October, 1874, by the representatives of the Post Offices of the chief Nations of the world. This agreement took effect between all the countries which were directly parties to the Treaty in July last. The Treaty did not include the British Possessions beyond the sea, but Canada has, with the concurrence of the Imperial Government, applied for admission as a member of this Postal Union. Meanwhile the letter rate of postage between Canada and the United Kingdom has, by arrangement with the Imperial Post Office, been reduced to the International rate of 2½ pence sterling—5 cents currency—established by the Union Regulations; and this reduction has also been made applicable to correspondence passing by way of New York, making the rate between Canada and the United Kingdom uniform at 5 cents by whatever route conveyed.

Although the Report alluded to above is dated June 30th, it must have been published at a later date as the "July last" mentioned refers to July, 1875, and when the 5 cent rate came into operation stamps to fit this new rate were wanted in such a hurry that, as a temporary expedient, a plate was made from the die engraved in 1867 pending the preparation of a die conforming to the small sized stamps then in general use. There was only one printing and the total number issued is believed to have been about one million. Mr. Howes says it was issued on October 1st, 1875.

In 1877 the 5c single letter rate was, by treaty, extended to embrace the German states of Prussia, Baden, Bavaria, Hanover, Saxony and Wurtemberg and in the same year the rate on a single letter to Newfoundland was reduced from 6c to 5c. At this time, of course, the small sized 5c stamps were in use but it will better preserve the continuity of our study of the postal rates to make one more extract from the Postmaster-General's Reports—that for 1878,—viz.:

At the meeting of the International Postal Congress, which, under the provisions of the Postal Treaty of Berne, concluded in October, 1874, took place at Paris in May, 1878, Canada was admitted to be a member of the General Postal Union from the 1st July, 1878, and in consequence the rate of letter postage between Canada and all Europe became one uniform charge of 5 cents per half ounce. Newspapers and other printed matter, and samples and patterns of merchandise also became subject to uniform postage rates and regulations for all destinations in Europe.

The 5c rate was, thus, now well established, and Canada had obtained membership in the Universal Postal Union, for which she had been striving since 1875.

This large 5c stamp was printed by the line-engraved process, like the other denominations of similar designs. The portrait forming the centrepiece is like that on the values of 1868 though the medallion is enclosed within a "corded" circle instead of an ordinary plain line. "CANADA POSTAGE" is curved above the portrait, as usual, while below is "FIVE CENTS". The numerals, shown in the lower corners, are somewhat smaller than those on the other denominations of this type.

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The stamps were printed on the wove paper then in use and perforated 12 in the usual manner.

Reference List.

1875. Engraved and Printed by the British American Bank Note Co., Montreal.
 Wove paper. Perf. 12.
 25. 5c olive green, Scott's No. 37.

(To be continued.)

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EDITORIAL.

On—The question of the removal of any of the stamp taxes on July 1, 1916, may be answered by the statement that they will be continued. It is a foregone conclusion that no change will be made before January next; and the internal revenue offices are making their plans accordingly.

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Matches—Our attention has been called rather belatedly to an illustration in a London newspaper of the fiscal stamp designed in 1871 but never used in the United Kingdom, to pay a tax on matches. The stamp has central design of torch surrounded by the inscription, "ex luce lucellum," (out of light a little profit) with "Half" at top and "Penny" below. It is said: "The match tax was regarded in 1871 as a frivolous measure, although it was at first favoured by Parliament. A procession of tattered matchmakers to Westminster to protest against it gave the coup de grace to the measure—but not before trial proofs of the duty stamp—printed in a pale blue and now become very rare—had been prepared. The idea was borrowed from America which at that date made 400,000 pounds a year from the tax." From a fiscal catalogue we learn that the stamps authorized by a bill introduced April 20, 1871, were withdrawn April 25, 1916. The stamps were appraised at thirty shillings, imperforate and fifty shillings when rouletted.

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Primitive—What has become of the old-fashioned postmaster who used a bright shade of purple ink for his cancellation stamp but who would not indulge in the postmark contraption so long as his trusty quill held out and the ink-well did not run dry? Mr. E. D. Swartout of San Francisco is hot on his trail and sends clues that are strong ones. From Forest Knolls, California, there came a letter with a four ring target cancellation in a red purple and the hand-written inscription at the left of the stamp: "Forest Knolls, May 8, 1916, 5.55 P. M." It must be admitted that the inclusion of the time so precisely in the postmark rather disturbs the old-fashioned atmosphere that clings to the markings.

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Eloquence—One of our veteran philatelists writes interestingly and suspecting, no doubt, that we would publish his ripe remarks, signs himself, "Old-Timer." He says: "Your observations on philatelic eloquence appealed to me and they started a train of thought that whirled me back through the space of many years. I agree with you that John K. Tiffany was the best orator who ever glorified philately but perhaps in a humbler sense there were others who had their moments of triumph before philatelic congregations. Some of those I have in mind no longer are with us but others of them are. I remember well how Joe F. Beard, Muscatine, Iowa, though not a finished speaker brought down the house at Niagara Falls in 1894 by saying that everything in Iowa that year had been dried up, including himself; and in this connection, it must be explained that Mr. Beard's reference to himself was not without point. We doubt whether Congressman Luther Mott of Oswego, New York, remembers how in the same year at the convention of the Philatelic Sons of America at Niagara Falls, he scored a great hit by his humorous account of the penalties of fame as exemplified by his office of treasurer of the P. S. of A. and of the amazing sort and condition of the unused stamps that were the favorites for remitting dues. Clarence Thurston, the son of ex-Senator Thurston of Omaha, at the conventions held at Minneapolis in 1896, showed a precocity in extemporaneous speaking that charmed his elders and we who followed his career with expectancy were shocked to hear that he committed suicide some years later, according to the newspapers. One of my earliest recollections in an oratorical way is that of an address by Charles H. Mekeel at a New York banquet which created something of a furore. In fact, the speaker had his traducers who said that Mr. Mekeel's speech was not extemporaneous but he was easily vindicated as it was proved

that he had made merely a few preliminary notes on his cuff or a card before arising. I could continue in this way,—but I perceive that you are beginning to tire."

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June—In this flourishing month when the country hangs on the words of the graduates from the countless seats of learning, the hope is voiced that as usual there will be a few to whom philately is so intimate and interesting that it will be selected, in different of its phases, as a graduation theme. We know that in the past, stamp collecting has been exploited to the advantage of the one who was bold enough to seek his subject beyond the pale of the conventional. For instance, "History as Told by Stamps," affords scope for effective treatment.

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Titter—"I must tell you," writes a feminine reader, "of the appalling philatelic accident, I suppose that you could call it, that has befallen me. Anyway, I have been giggling ever since. I was among the guests at an exclusive club affair the other afternoon and it was arranged that each of those present write her name on a blank card that was distributed for the purpose. I wrote my name and put the card in my bag, awaiting its collection. It was gathered up later and the next day all the newspapers included in the list of among those present, the name of Negri Sembilan,—but my own was missing! I had given out the wrong card on which I had made the notation to look up the pronunciation of 'Negri Sembilan' at the library. The club ladies are somewhat scandalized and wondering who this black swan could have been; and it is hard for me to keep a straight face when I hear them express their theories. Of all things!"

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Welcome—The editor has been appointed one of the mayor's entertainment committee by states, to attend to the pleasures of delegates to the Chicago Republican national convention. Virginia is his state and it would be a jolly coincidence if there should be a collector or two among the delegates.

U. S. 1c COIL, PART PERF.

A correspondent in the *Philatelic Gazette* gives an interesting bit of information which we quote:—

Much interest has recently been aroused because of the appearance of the 1910, 1c Franklin, single lined watermark in coils, imperforate between every other pair. This was supposed to have been an official Government issue or rather error but any one familiar with the perforating machines at the Bureau would know at a glance that such a coil could not exist unless intentional.

Thinking that these were made up for some special mailing machine I wrote Director Ralph, knowing that the Bureau would keep a record of such a transaction. He expressed surprise and requested the strip on approval for inspection. After receiving and inspecting these stamps very carefully he writes under date of April 14 as follows:

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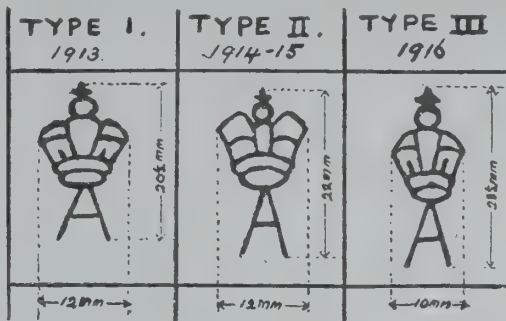
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**NEWS GLEANINGS.**

—Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Josephene Hughes to Mr. Harold S. Powell May 24 at Sioux City, Iowa. They will be at home after June 1 at 123 Cayuga St., Storm Lake, Iowa. Hearty congratulations are extended Mr. and Mrs. Powell.

—The *Milwaukee Sentinel* of May 21 contained a lengthy and interesting story in connection with the exhibit of war stamps now being displayed in the museum of the University of Wisconsin at Madison. The exhibit consists of Mexican war stamps and the writer of the article, evidently a philatelist, treats of the several classes of so-called war stamps in such a manner as would interest even those who are not stamp collectors.

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—L. G. Snow, manager of the *Valparaiso*, (Indiana) *Independent*, wishes us to say that he will be in Indianapolis June 6-8 as a delegate to the state prohibition convention, and will be pleased to have any stamp men look him up. Because of his crippled condition he will himself be unable to do any visiting.

—F. R. Kirk, president of the Coos County Stamp Club of Marshfield, Ore.,

reports a membership at present of twenty. Collectors visiting that portion of the country on the first Thursday of any month will be welcome at the club meeting.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Fordham Stamp Ex., Hugh B. Kiernan, J. C. Alderson, W. H. Kinard, Harry E. Klotzbach, Clarendon Bangs.

—Wm. Lycett of Brooklyn, N. Y., informs us that he is a candidate for re-election as vice-president of the S. P. A. Mr. Lycett also states that Louis A. Missbach of Brooklyn will exhibit his fine collection of unused U. S. at the Arbuckle Institute of that city Friday, June 21, under the auspices of the Brooklyn Stamp Club. Brooklyn collectors are cordially invited to attend.

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A philatelist is a stamp bug—the dictionary describes it as a collector of postage stamps—and the twenty-eight persons interested in this hobby have been organized into a club for the interchange of ideas and stamps.

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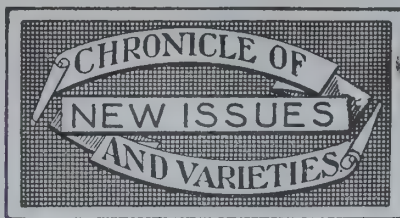
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NEW ISSUE NOTES.

Chinese Turkestan.—Many months ago the philatelic journals announced the issue of special stamps for this far distant country, the current Chinese Republican stamps being surcharged with five Chinese characters signifying "for use in Sinkiang." We have at last been able to secure a correspondent at Urumtsi, a town in the heart of the province, 1,100 miles from the nearest Railway Station (Andijan), and the letter occupied over three months on the journey to us, via Yarkand and Kashgar, thence across Central Asia and Russia, the first Russian Censor Mark applied to the envelope being that of Tashkent.

North-West Pacific Islands.—We have received further advice that the 5d stamps are still unobtainable, but that fresh supplies are shortly expected. We hope to be able to distribute this value the first week in June.

Togo.—We have received the new issue, overprinted in London on the current Gold Coast stamps. An attempt has evidently been made to copy the type of the local overprint, but the two types are distinctly different, the London type being bolder, thicker, and better printed. The stamps themselves, being also a new printing, show differences in shade from the older ones. The last consignment of the locally overprinted stamps was received a few days before the new stamps arrived, and although received direct from the Post Office, every sheet was mutilated, no fewer than eight stamps having been cut out of each pane of sixty, these eight comprising all the small "F"s in "French," and the thin "G" in "Togo."—*Whitfield King's List.*



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—The following envelope items have been furnished by J. M. Bartels:

In the May 6 issue, the two types A and B of the new design 2c envelope were described, but in some unexplained manner the descriptions were reversed. A becomes B and the description for B becomes A.

No.	Denom.	Issue 1912.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Kn.
2612B	2c	Dv.5	3	Blue	17	92	
	2c	A	3	Blue	19	80	
	2c	A2	13	Blue	19	83	
	2c	A	3	Buff	20	92	
	2c	A2	13	Buff	20	83	
	2c	G	5	Amber	20	87	

The following list of United States envelope knives in current use has also been furnished by Mr. Bartels:

Size.	Knife.	Dimen.
1	46	134x73
2	79	139x82
3	80	149x85
4	84	149x92
5	81	160x89
6	75a	160x89
7	51	225x98
8	59	241x105
9	61	257x111
10	85	117x90
11	82	132x108
13	83	171x95
14	86	160x95

1911-15.
The knives below were first introduced in the 1911-15 issue and used simultaneously with those of the previous issue. The shape is changed (except in size 11), the main difference being in the side flaps which are gradually cut away at the upper edge and meet in the center forming an angle. Size 11 differs from the former issue in dimensions only.

Size.	Knife.	Dimen.
3	92	149x85
5	87	160x89
11	88	140x108
8	91	241x105
13	89	171x95

1915.
In the 1915 issue a change of knife occurred in sizes 2, 4, 5, 13 and 14. All have the same general appearance of the 1911-15 issue, except in sizes 5 and 13 the top and bottom flaps have been lengthened a few mm., giving better protection to the contents and increased strength to the envelope.

Size.	Knife.	Dimen.
2	94	139x82
4	95	149x92
5	99	160x89
13	101	171x95
14	93	160x95

AFGHANISTAN.—The 2 abasi stamp of the 1909 issue (Scott says 1910), has appeared in brown instead of green.

Adhesive.

2ab brown.

GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS.—The *Stamp Lover* notes that the 2d and 2 1/2d stamps of the King George series have been issued.

Adhesives.

2d gray.
2 1/2d ultramarine.

JAMAICA.—Our English contemporaries reprint the official circular regarding the overprinted "War Tax" stamps. The 1/2d is for use on letters, and the 3d for use on parcels from abroad containing dutiable matter.

PANAMA.—Bartlett Gatchell has shown us two novelties from this Republic. The first is a piece of a cover with two 1c stamps of the 1915 commemorative issue. One of these is overprinted "Canal Zone." The cover was mailed in Colon, R. P., and evidently slipped by the mailing clerk by accident.

Mr. Gatchell also submits a 2c commemorative stamp printed in vermilion red, instead of the usual brilliant carmine.

PERU.—Bartlett Gatchell has shown us the current 5c stamp in a pronounced shade of purple, instead of the common violet.

THE TWO DIES OF THE 2c ENVELOPE.

By HERMAN TOASPERN.

I note with much interest the article of L. G. Barrett, on the two dies of the 2 cent current circular die envelopes. This article seeks to oppose the methods of differentiating the two dies as given some weeks ago by J. M. Bartels by saying, "the parts are equal to the sum" instead of "the sum is equal to its parts." In other words it seeks to change the major test to a minor one, and vice versa.

The main difference is the spacing of the U from the circle at the left. In die A, it is closer while in die B it is further away and more nearly horizontal.

The minor differences, which take the part of concluding evidence are as described by both Messrs. Bartels and Barrett.

Mr. Barrett's main test would soon disappear should some ink or dirt fill into the triangle of the A of STATES. This test is as weak as one I have noticed; in die B the curl at the bottom of the bust curves under and leaves a tiny red space between the hair and the neck, which is not noticeable in die A. Surely when the die starts to spread it is likely that Mr. Barrett's test will be lost—while that of Mr. Bartels will remain.

PRECANCEL NOTES.

Davenport, Iowa, is using a new small and poor type of precancel.

Old Town, Me., is a new one for me. Who knows how old the town is and where it is? I have the 2c and 3c. (Better make Old Town on your visit East.—Ed.)

Easthampton, Conn., is a difficult one to pick up.

Like the precancel described above for Davenport, Iowa, is another from Cheyenne, Wyo. A type is used so small that it looks as though it is afraid to say where it hails from.

St. Louis has a pretty set.

H. S. DICKEY.

HEAD OF MISSION ELOPES.

Harold S. Powell, of Storm Lake, head of the World Wide mission, a religious organization, and Miss Josephine Hughes, of Ida Grove, yesterday eloped to Sioux City. Frank L. Foster, a friend of Mr. Powell, accompanied him to the courthouse to obtain a marriage license.

They were married in the afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. S. L. Eddy at his residence, 2308 South St. Aubin street. Mrs. Powell is the daughter of a wealthy Ida county farmer, while Mr. Powell is chief executive of the mission, which has branches in 136 countries and colonies. The religious work is main-

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Mr. and Mrs. Powell will be at home in Storm Lake after June 1.—*Sioux City Journal*, May 25, 1916.

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May 21, 1916.

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"You are coming on, old scout! That last letter sounded downright cheerful,—you didn't mention 'temperature.' Isn't it great how one gets away from himself when he is hunting a watermark? You did good work on those '95 shades,—they make fine pages, and they are really 'collected' when you have searched ten pounds through for them. And your three 'caps' are about perfect, mighty few strike a real 'right cap.' It's hunting big game you are, and getting it, too. When I come up next week, I'll bring some of the new issues,—they are so clean and good-looking."

I tied up my "love-letters" and put them back in the drawer. I shall keep them, for they won me firmly to stamp collecting. I sat down before the fireplace where a chestnut stick was sputtering and crackling, and pulling out my albums, was soon under their spell. I turned their pages and thought of the tales of history and romance pictured there,—of brave men and gallant fights; of victorious peace, and the march of progress; of strange far-off lands, and of familiar scenes. Where, but in a stamp collection, could one have so wonderful a gallery? I feasted my eyes upon their beauties of scene, of color, and of workmanship. I gloated over my accumulations and their increasing riches, and yet their great value to me was far beyond the dollar mark. I lived in memory the friendships, associations, and hunts they remind me of. I realized anew, that to fill an idle hour, to refresh a mind or body that is weary, to give one a many-sided interest, there is a mighty lure,—a never-failing charm in stamp collecting.

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WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

SIMPLIFIED SPECIALISM — NETHERLANDS.

This is the second of a series of articles treating the history of stamps of various countries which can be collected and studied readily by the collector of moderate means. While it is quite possible to spend large amounts on the stamps of any country, yet there are many countries which can be collected and specialized to a moderate degree without the expenditure of a great sum.

Netherlands is and always has been a popular country with the general collector. Its issues are clean. In the straight postal issues, there are no surcharges to confuse the new collector. The lover of surcharges will find some interesting items in the dues and charity stamps.

The collector who wishes to go deeply into the study of the stamps of a country should select Netherlands. This is an ideal country to collect, since it offers a chance to study paper varieties, plate varieties, cancellations, shades, and perforations, yet none of these classes need be included unless desired. There is little need to study watermarks in this country, since the first issue only was watermarked, and there is no important variation. Netherlands is particularly rich in plate types and shades—two popular branches of specialized collecting.

Netherlands will make a dollar go a long way. Dealers specializing in Netherlands do a lot of work for a little money. With the exception of two perforation varieties, the highest priced Netherlands stamp is listed at \$5.00 used—this being the ten gulden stamp of 1901-10. The ten gulden Jubilee stamp should be priced about this figure in used condition. Both of these stamps are worth very close to catalogue, however.

In the unused, the same perforation varieties and the other two of the same series may be omitted, with the result that no unused Netherlands stamp catalogues over \$7.50—and only three stamps approach that figure. Truly, this is not an overwhelming amount for any real collector to face, considering many other countries.

The collector who wishes to "collect them straight" may secure a fine used copy of each Netherlands regular postal issue for \$20.00 and still have enough money left to take friend wife to the "movies."

Netherlands first issued stamps in January, 1852. The first issue was printed at the Government Mint at Utrecht from plates engraved by J. Wiener, of Brussels. The stamps were printed in sheets of 100 which were divided into four panes of twenty-five each. This series bears the portrait of King William III, who ruled the Netherlands from 1849 to 1890.

This first series ranks very high in popularity with collectors, partly because of its great beauty, partly because it is one of the "classical" first issues of imperforates, and partly for the reason that it offers a great field for research work. There are a great many minor differences in design, color, paper, and watermark.

The 5c is listed in five distinct shades and there are many intermediate shades. The ultramarine shade is probably the scarcest, though several of the more common tints approach it very closely. The steel blue is not common, yet is not as rare as its catalogue price would indicate in comparison with other shades. However, in view of the rapidly growing scarcity of this issue, it is not over-priced. The greenish blue shade is almost as common as the milky blue or major shade. The writer recently had the pleasure of looking over the collection of a local enthusiast, and noted as many as thirty different shades

of this 5c stamp, though some were very closely resembling others.

Plates of the 5c and 10c stamps show various retouches. These are found principally in the frame lines, and many are not difficult to distinguish. The 10c stamp showing the celebrated horn variety was printed from one plate on which each stamp shows a spot resembling a horn, which projects from the forehead just above the eye. Further varieties of the stamp are known showing the plate retouched with horn removed, leaving merely a small lump on the forehead.

The 10c stamp is also rich in color varieties, though these are not as distinct as in the 5c. There are several which are worthy of the attention of even a moderate specialist, however.

The 15c stamp exists in a rich orange shade and also in a pale yellow, with several intermediate colors. Lightly cancelled copies of the orange shade are indeed very beautiful and warrant the attention they are receiving from collectors.

Several printings of this series were made, and slight variations in paper occurred at each printing, as is to be expected. Papers range from thin to very thick. These may be easily classified into thin and thick papers unless further study is desired.

Unused stamps exist with both brown and white gum, which is thick and cracks readily. Unused copies with gum are much scarcer than those without gum, as is the case with nearly all early issues.

Reprints of the 10c stamps were made in 1895 on heavy white wove paper without watermark. These exist in rose-carmine and also in black, blue, yellow-green and brown. These reprints are by no means common.

Pairs of this issue are not plentiful and are much sought after by collectors, who have recently made especial efforts to buy up any choice pieces offered. In fact a very sharp rise is looked for in these stamps as a result of the heavy buying of certain collectors. Nos. 1 to 6 seem to be more in demand at the present time than any European stamps and are quite as popular as Norway No. 1, so it is logical to expect that they will soon rise as did that stamp. For many years these six stamps have been priced quite low, but the present boom will no doubt send them up to the mark where they belong. (At least, 8,000 more copies will be needed to meet the wants of the readers of this paper who will immediately attempt to speculate in these stamps.)

Pairs of the 5c stamp, if lightly cancelled and with wide even margins are selling around \$1.00. Please remember that these prices are not standard, merely observations made by the writer in the course of business. No doubt many dealers can offer these stamps much lower while many will demand higher figures. Also, the appearance of the piece must be considered in placing the value thereon, hence I will not attempt to lay a definite price on any items of this nature. There are many pairs of these stamps for which I should be very glad to pay \$1.50 and possibly \$2.00, while for others I should not care to pay over catalogue.

Strips of the 5c are very much rarer, and no definite price can be named. Blocks of four or larger are extremely rare. The writer cannot recall ever having seen a block of these stamps. Pairs of the 10c are not uncommon, hence blocks of four of the 5c must have been used also to make up the 20c rate. However, the thrifty Dutchmen found it much more efficient to lick two 10c stamps than four 5c, hence the scarcity of blocks.

Pairs of the 10c stamp are worth in the neighborhood of 50c, some higher and some lower, according to condition.

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Pairs of the 15c stamp are not as uncommon as would be supposed, and are worth in the neighborhood of full catalogue and higher. Strips are rare and blocks are very rare. All of the above, when in fine condition, may be arranged to make a very handsome page, as perfect copies are to be had for a little searching.

Many interesting cancellation varieties exist in these stamps. They are quite plentiful with town cancellations, though more commonly found with cancellation of "Franco" in frame. The "franco" cancellation without frame is quite rare. (To be continued next week.)

BE A BOOSTER.

Adapted by H. H. CHENEY.

Boost your city, boost your friend,
Boost the stamp club you attend,
Boost the street on which you dwell,
Boost the stamps that you would sell,
Boost the dealers' round about you,
They can get along without you,
But success will quicker find them
If they know that you're behind them.

Boost for every forward movement,
Boost for every new improvement,
Boost the man for whom you labor,
Boost the stranger and the neighbor,
Cease to be a chronic knocker,
Cease to be a progress blocker,
If you'd make your hobby better
Boost it to the final letter.

O, REALLY.

And now it's the innocent postage stamp that has been hit by the war. Only according to foreign Governments, the postage stamp isn't so innocent as one might suppose. Somebody in authority in the Italian Government several months ago discovered what is believed to be a code, depending on the arrangement of stamps. Since that time the Italian Government has forbidden the exportation of stamps. Germany has forbidden the importation and England and France are holding up consignments of foreign stamps from the Central Powers to this country.

The result is that a stamp famine has joined the dye famine, and all the other famines caused directly or indirectly by the tantrums of Europe. Philatelists—which is the fancy name by which stamp collectors call themselves—are in paroxysms of rage and despair. But the foreign governments are adamant. Somebody tried to send out information by means of stamps. Very well. No more stamps go out till the war is over.

Of course, the firms that deal in stamps didn't feel the pinch until lately. They had sizeable supplies on hand which tided them over till now. But many of them admit that at present a Turkish or an Austrian charity stamp is as scarce over here as peace doves over there.

"It is about a year since we got any consignment of stamps through Paris," said a local dealer today. "At that time several dealers had batches of stamps held up by the French Government on the ground that they were contraband, as the money for them had gone to countries which were at war with France."

"For a while we obtained Austrian charity stamps, as well as Turkish and

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CHAPTER V.—(Continued).

The "brown bistre" stamp is a pronounced shade and has sometimes been termed an "error" because of its distinctive color and scarcity. It only comes with the 12½ perforation and therefore must have been issued before 1889.

All the stamps of this set were apparently printed with fugitive inks, readily affected by light and moisture, as those who have attempted to soak them may have discovered to their regret. The 1 candarin is listed both on white paper and on yellowish paper, and the difference is quite marked; but the examination of blocks on the yellowish paper shows in many cases that the cause is by a yellow ingredient in the ink—the stain sometimes not extending very far beyond the outer frame, so that the perforations lie in a white border.

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The designs were prepared by Mr. R. A. de Villard of the Statistical Department of the Customs at Shanghai. They are all symbolical in character, being grouped into four general types, though each value differs in some detail from any other. In the first general type may be placed the 1 and 5 candarin stamps. The central circle in the 1 candarin has an archaic form of the character *shou* or "longevity", surrounding

which appears to be arabesque work; if examined closely, however, it is found to be composed of five somewhat conventionalized bats flying inward. These,



in Chinese, are called *wu fu* and symbolize the "five blessings" desired by every Chinaman—long life, riches, health, love of virtue and a peaceful end. As the word for "bat" and "blessing" is the same, though written with different characters, the punning pictorial allusion is apparent. At the top of the stamp is seen the *mou-tan* or giant peony, an emblem of illustriousness. At the bottom is the *ling-chih-hua*, a sort of fungus emblematic of long life.

The central circle of the 5 candarin stamp pictures a carp. This fish symbolizes literary talent from his perseverance in surmounting obstacles when ascending rivers, a common Chinese expression for a student who has been



successful being "The carp has become a dragon" or "has leaped the dragon-gate." At the top of the stamp is the *ling-chih-hua* again and at the bottom the Chinese immortelle, *wan-nien-ch'ing* or "myriad years green," a name as descriptive, if not as concise, as our "everlasting."

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The 2, 3, 4 and 6 candarin stamps have the same general design, the rampant dragon with his fiery pearl, already described, occupying the center. The Chinese legends read on all: down the right side, *Ta Ch'ing Kuo* or "Chinese Empire"; down the left side, *Yu Ch'eng Ch'iu* or "Postal Bureau." The Chinese values in the upper right corners are *er* (2), *san* (3), *szu* (4) and *zu* (6), with the character *fên* for "candarin" in the



left corner. The 2 candarin has "hydrangea leaves and fruit of passiflora above; a favorite emblem on auspicious occasions," according to Mr. de Villard. The 4 candarin has the giant peony.

The corners of the 3 and 6 candarin stamps will be observed to have eight little sets of short lines, some whole and some broken, surrounding the figures and characters. These are the *Pa Kua*



or "eight diagrams," a series of trigrams used by Chinese philosophers and geomancers. Upon these figures, expanded into 64 hexagrams by combining the trigrams, two and two, is based one of their classics, the "Book of Changes," which presents 64 short essays on the character and significance of these groups of lines. These will be referred to again later under cancellations for the first issue of the Imperial Post.

At the top of the 3 candarin is the *p'an tao* or dwarf peach tree, a symbol of longevity, as it is supposed to flower and bear for 3000 years. The 6 candarin shows the immortelle again.



The 9 and 12 candarin stamps, again, have a similar design. Two rampant

dragons, each with its "pearl" are seen one on either side of the central circle. This repeats the center of the 1 candarin stamp in the case of the 9 candarin, but in the case of the 12 candarin contains the characters *Ta Ch'ing Yu Ch'eng* or "Chinese Postal Service" in a hardly recognizable form. It is made to represent a seal, so much used by the Chinese, and the characters are known by that name, they being in a very ancient style now used only for such purposes.



The value is expressed in the upper right corners as *chiu* on the 9 candarin and *shih-er* on the 12 candarin (10+2). The 9 candarin bears the *Ta Ch'ing Kuo Yu Ch'eng* inscription above in an ancient ornamental style of character and the 12 candarin has the giant peony.



The remaining stamp, the 24 candarin, has a type to itself and presents a little marine view with a Canton junk in the foreground. Above is the dwarf peach tree again. The inscriptions at the sides are the same as on the 2 candarin type of stamps, but the value is given as *er ch'ien* or "2 mace" in the right upper corner, and *szu fên* or "4 candarins" in the left upper corner. As the mace equals ten candarins, this makes the full value.

These stamps were lithographed, at first in Japan, according to Mr. Menca-rini, and afterwards at Shanghai. The paper is a little thicker than that for the previous issues, but contains the same *yin-yang* watermark. The perforating was done by the same machine that was used for the later years of the 1885 issue, so that it gauges 11 1/2.

The panes of the 9 candarin stamp contained the well-known tête-bêche, the lower left corner stamp being inverted. Issued November 16, 1894, to December 18, 1896. Perforated 11 1/2.

1 candarin, vermilion,	100,077 stamps
Vertical pair, imperf. between	
Horizontal pair, imperf. between,	
2 candarins, yellow green,	78,404 "
3 candarins, orange, orange yellow,	188,404 "
Horizontal pair, imperf. between,	
4 candarins, bright rose,	44,689 "
5 candarins, orange, orange yellow,	32,779 "
Horizontal pair, imperf. between,	
6 candarins, brown,	54,247 "
Vertical pair, imperf. between	
Horizontal pair, imperf. between,	
9 candarins, green,	58,523 "
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The cancellations found on these stamps are the same as were used upon the previous issues.

CHAPTER VI.—Local Issues.



With regard to the so-called "local posts," many of them were purely private, and the flood of stamps issued from 1893 until their suppression in 1897 were mainly for speculative purposes. The following is taken from the report of Mr. Bredon, Acting Commissioner of Customs at Chefoo, for 1894: "The foreign quarter has been much improved during the year, thanks to the energy of the General Purposes Committee and to the philatelic craze, which enabled the local post office to yield a large revenue."

Shanghai, however, has a recognized status in this matter, for it has become since its opening in 1843, and in consequence of its situation near the mouth of the Yang-tse, China's greatest river, the leading treaty port of the Empire. The foreign settlement (then principally British) has a municipal government of its own under which a local post-office and mail delivery was organized, and from 1864 to 1897 stamps were issued and did local postal duty. The local post office also maintained agencies at several other treaty ports where the Shanghai stamps could be used, but in general they were not recognized outside the city, however, and all letters for other cities or foreign countries, by arrangement made with the Hongkong post office, had to be prepaid with Hongkong stamps. Unfortunately there appear to be no early records available relating to the issue of the Shanghai locals.



According to the returns of the Imperial Customs authorities at the end of 1898 the total number of foreigners resident in the open ports was about 13,500, and of these about half resided in Shanghai. The pressing need of the remaining half, distributed among some thirty ports, for the various sets of eight or ten values with numerous changes in color and design, surcharges galore, postage dues, etc., *ad infinitum* and *ad nauseam* when it comes to the "P. P. C." surcharges of Wuhu, can readily be appreciated by those who are collecting postal issues which have a true philatelic interest.

Of course it cannot be denied that many will be attracted by these stamps on account of their designs, and the fact that some of them have performed actual postal duty, if only local; but when the postmaster of Wuhu, on the suppression of his local office printed

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(To be continued.)

SOUTHERN PRECANCEL NOTES.

By W. C. MALONE.

Texas cities only began precanceling stamps a few years ago but they are making quite a bit of precancel history since the start was made, as there are now a number of cities using them and a large number of varieties. I have over 400 distinct varieties of Texas precancels in my collection and lack a number of the earlier issues and have very few complete sets of either parcel post or regular issues. I have seen precancels from the following Texas cities: Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Coleman, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Del Rio, El Paso, Fort Worth, Greenville, Houston, Marlin, Palestine, Paris, Port Arthur, Post, San Antonio, Temple and Waco.

I am informed that the Dallas precancels are printed from a special attachment placed on the multigraph machine, the forms being set up from type and the stamps precanceled in the post office. This accounts for the numerous varieties of precancels from Dallas recently in several different sizes of type, different spacings, etc. Most precancels are printed under contract by local printers from electrotype plates furnished by the Post Office Department.

Fort Worth has recently issued the third type from that office, it being printed in two lines FORT WORTH—TEXAS in small capitals, between lines. The type used during the past Christmas season was printed in large type in two lines, "Ft. Worth—TEX." between lines, reading up and down. These were printed on both regular issues and some values of parcel post.

Most of the other Southern States are well represented with precancels but they are quite scarce from some places, especially Alabama and Mississippi. I have precancels from three Alabama cities, Birmingham, Mobile and Montgomery, but only a few from each place and they are very hard to procure as so few are used. I also have precancels from three Mississippi cities, Hattiesburg, Jackson and Natchez, and find them even scarcer than the Alabama ones.

Savannah, Ga., is now using the large block type of precancel, which is gradually replacing the former smaller types used at a great many post offices. I have seen several values, both normal and inverted, in this large type, but no parcel post except the familiar small type, although the parcel post are about used up, no doubt.

Louisiana is not at all behind the other Southern States in the precancel line, they having been issued from Columbia, Alexandria, Mer Rouge, New Orleans and Shreveport. However, they are rather

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The subject was again revived during the discussion on the Home Rule Bill of 1893, and the *Daily Graphic* illustrated (April 29, 1893) the old 24 cents Fenian essay of 1865, and a 3 cents in a different design with the title represented as "REPUBLIC HIBER."

A somewhat scarce fake, possibly put forward at one period of Home Rule excitement, is the Cyprus key plate design, head of Queen Victoria, with the name IRELAND inserted in the space at the top of the stamp.

In more recent times the Sinn Fein organisation has issued labels in the semblance of postage stamps. The newspaper *Sinn Fein* explained this issue eight years ago in the following paragraph: "It was to make the sign of Irish nationhood to the other nations that the Irish stamp was designed. It is fulfilling that design, as the Finnish stamp some years ago fulfilled a like design, and called the attention of the world to the fact that Finland was no province of Russia, but a nation, despoiled, but separate and distinct, asserting its individuality and defending its liberties against foreign despotism."

Mr. E. G. Duffy, in writing to the *Philatelic Record* in 1908, said, "It is interesting to note that Sir Thomas Esmonde, M. P., has written to the Dublin papers, stating that any person who wishes to have an answer from Sir Thomas must put a 'Sinn Fein' stamp on the envelope."

The stamps were sold at 2s 6d per gross. We believe that the British Postmaster-General on several occasions directed the attention of the Sinn Fein organisation to the fact that the affixing of these labels to the address side of letters was contrary to the regulations of the post office. Many of our readers, however, have doubtless got these souvenirs of Sinn Feinism on original covers. They may now regard them with added curiosity as souvenirs of the movement which has filled Dublin's fair city with grim relics of deeds most foul.

—Stamp Lover.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

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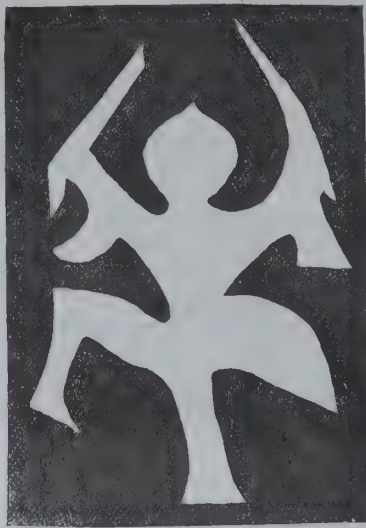
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A VISIT TO THE MIDDLE WEST.

The managing editor is planning a visit to the middle west the latter part of July. He will be in Chicago July 16 and 17, and in St. Paul July 18, 19, 20, where he will be in attendance upon the national prohibition convention. From Saturday, July 22, to the following Wednesday he will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He will be pleased to make philatelic appointments.



TRY YOUR HAND AT A JINGLE.

How many of our readers are poetically inclined? Here is a chance surely to test your ability in that direction. We publish this week two illustrations representing portions of certain stamps, and we invite poetical effusions based on the designs shown.

Mr. Howes has submitted an entry that we use as an illustration of what is possible and the Jhind stamp is the one he has taken as his subject. His verse follows:—

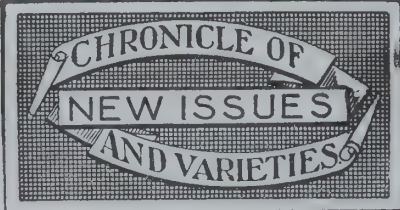
THE APSARAS.

There was an Apsaras of Ind
Whose clothes were so torn by the wind
That she looked like a fright,
But she danced "out of sight"
In a paradise somewhere near Jhind.

C. A. HOWES.

There are no limitations as to the form of entry. Just do your best in the line of rhyme and we shall print as many of the entries as possible, as a bit of fun now and then is relished by almost everyone. Of course there will be prizes, but this is a matter that can best be decided later on.

Who is the gentleman pictured on the Siam stamp? It looks like Teddy.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—William F. Palmer reports having found the 2c envelope, official size, with return request and stamp printed both on the inside and outside of the envelope.

AUSTRALIA.—Bright & Son have shown us the new Australian registration envelope. The stamp is the 4d King George type.

Registration Envelope.
4d orange on buff, cloth lined.

MAURITIUS.—The London Philatelist notes the issue of the Rs. 2.50c King George stamp.

Adhesive.
Rs. 2.50c black and red on blue.

PERU.—Changes of color are noted in the current stamps of Peru, Bartlett Gatchell and W. F. Ferguson having shown us the 5c and 20c in new shades.

Adhesives.
5c purple.
20c red brown.

FOR SECRETARY—CLARENCE V. WEBB.

Clarence V. Webb is a candidate for re-election as secretary of the S. P. A., and we are pleased to call attention to this fact, although we are not taking any active part in the political contests of the various philatelic societies. There are some striking things in connection with Mr. Webb's tenure of office that may well be called to mind.

He was elected secretary of the S. P. A. when it had only 290 members and was gradually losing ground. Through his efforts the tide turned and at the end of his first year a total of 356 members had been secured, a Year Book

covering the two previous years issued and many other affairs straightened out.

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MARTHA WASHINGTON — DIED 1802.

1902.

One hundred weary years had passed,
Ere our first lady came at last,
To stand before our mighty nation,
Upon a stamp for registration.

For many years on Two's and Three's
Her George had roamed the land and seas,
But now at last behold his mate,
Engraved in beauty on an Eight.

1909.

Alas! too short was her career.
The reason for it is most clear.
The postal debt was so immense
That registration rose two cents.

TRI PINUS ESKER.

THE CHARM OF STAMP COLLECTING.

A few weeks ago we inaugurated a contest asking designs for the title of the leaflet to be published under the name of "The Charm of Stamp Collecting."

Many entries were received, of varying degrees of merit, and it was necessary for us to exercise a somewhat arbitrary judgment in the selection of the winning entry, having in mind the make-up of the cover page. Particulars as to this makeup could not be made public at the time the competition was launched.

The winner of the contest is Frank Vitolo of New York City. He submitted three designs, one of which will be very suitable for our purpose. We have added two years to his subscription and shall also send him a copy of our new book "Range Tales" as soon as issued.

We wish to add that there were certain entries deserving of honorable mention and in this connection we would name the designs submitted by W. G. Birdseye, Friedel Hoffmann, C. M. Breder, L. M. Coe, P. N. Dean, F. D. Smith, Wm. J. Bates, Henry J. Borsch and L. B. Ferguson.

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The use of the War Stamps is not obligatory, as the ordinary unsurcharged stamps may be used for these taxes, and vice versa. A registered letter just to hand bears a 3d and three 1/2d War Stamps. 1 1/2d stamps have been ordered from London, and as soon as these arrive, the surcharged 1/2d stamps will be retired.

A further variety has been found in the 1/2d War Stamp. The error does not occur on all sheets.—HARRY E. HUBER.

DALWICK'S "VIRGIN ISLANDS".

(The following review of Dalwick's latest book is taken from the English magazine Stamp Collecting. Do our readers appreciate the merit of this work? The firm of A. Maury, Paris, France, has made a special request that we allow the reprinting of the entire book in Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste. We are of course pleased to grant the request.—Ed.)

This little book, the fourteenth of Messrs. Mekeel's series, should prove a most valuable guide to the postage stamps of the Leeward group known as the Virgin Islands. Always a favourite subject with collectors, the Virgin Islands issues yet comprise quite a large number of extremely scarce stamps, and, in a chapter on "Rare Stamps at Normal Prices," the author of this handbook seeks to impress upon his readers that all the earlier issues are rarer than the catalogue quotations suggest. In fact, they are much rarer than is generally supposed.

We have alluded to these stamps as a favourite subject with collectors, and therefore find ourselves at variance with Mr. Dalwick, who remarks that the Virgin Islands issues do not at present enjoy the popularity which they undoubtedly deserve. We doubt whether our friend is justified in making this statement—if he is, then collectors should feel ashamed of themselves for their inattention to the possibilities offered by this group. Mr. Dalwick has some cogent remarks concerning postally used examples, which, he says, assuming that the quotations in our standard catalogues for unused stamps are more or less correct (in 75 per cent. of the early issues they are undoubtedly too low), are worth four times the present rates; the author even goes so far as to say that this increase does not represent the relative degrees of rarity in certain instances.

The handbook is divided into twenty chapters, treating with the geographical and historical standpoints, the mysterious design itself, postal statistics, British adhesives used in the Islands, remainders, forgeries and bogus stamps, postmarks,

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etc., the whole forming a very readable and instructive guide. It is, indeed, a veritable *vade-mecum* for the collector of Virgin Islands stamps.

ROOM PAPERED WITH STAMPS.

Rev. Alexander Bucci, rector of St. Peter's church, gave a dinner to a dozen Los Angeles newspaper men, recently, at his home, 1039 North Broadway. Attorney Roger Marchetti was a special guest.

Father Bucci's home is remarkable for the drawing room, which is papered with 104,902 postage stamps of thirty-two nations. The stamps are arranged on the walls and ceiling in different designs and mosaics and represent a patient labor of ninety nights on the part of Father Bucci. The Italian priest has been collecting stamps for the past nine years for the room he has decorated and after having completed his task has 160,000 of the current United States two-cent issue left and 50,000 other stamps.

The walls are laid out in diamonds and on the ceiling are various pleasing designs. The task was begun November 8, 1915, and completed February 6, 1916, the last stamp put in place being the likeness of the king of Montenegro. The date of completion is worked in stamps as well as an American flag, the flag and coat of arms of Italy, the name of the designer, etc. The seven red bars in the American flag are wrought in seven different issues of two-cent United States postage stamps. There are also various Greek designs worked out and attractive borders. The total value of the stamps is \$2293.20.—L. A. Tribune.

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May 18, meeting was held and was given up to auction and exchange. Mr. L. Gwyer was proposed for member. The death of Mr. C. Jancovich was announced. He was a very prominent collector, and it is with sorrow that we have to note his death.

June 1, President Bartels called meeting to order, minutes were read and adopted. Mr. L. Gwyer was elected a member; Messrs. Weiss and Gunther were also elected as members. Messrs. Sommereau and Casper were visitors. Mr. Klein showed us a specialized collection of Shanghai. Mr. Bartels donated two sets of Panama surcharged envelopes (Canal Zone), Messrs. Koller and Mouhib being the winners. Mr. Eugene Klein explained why he thought certain stamps which catalogued less than a \$1 were scarce. Prof. Loewy informed us that his son was still an invalid and invited us to call on his son with stamps to exchange. Prof. Loewy entertained us with some of his card tricks, and he

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The craving for knowledge is one of our strongest and most worthy desires. Stamp collecting ministers directly to this; its educational value is great already, and is constantly increasing. The knowledge of historical events in a concise and definite form is one of the possessions of the thoughtful stamp collector. There is scarcely a stamp-issuing country which does not exhibit on its stamps the changes of government since it began their issue. Fathers and mothers who have lived through changes of government, but who may have forgotten the dates, will appreciate the means which their children have in stamps for preserving the knowledge in a definite and suggestive form.

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CHAPTER V.—Second Series.

The stamps comprising this series were issued July 18, 1904, and consisted of the current stamps of the United States, of the values of one, two, five, eight, and ten cents, surcharged in small caps, "CANAL ZONE," at the left and "PANAMA" at the right, both words reading upward.

The surcharging was done at Washington. Only two varieties are deemed worthy of mention by the writers upon the subject. These both occur on the eight cents stamp. The first is an "I" in place of the "L" in "CANAL," and the second is a badly broken "L" in "CANAL." Other broken letters are to be found with moderate frequency upon all the values, due either to broken type or poor inking, but the two mentioned above are the only ones which are found on all sheets.

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CANAL ZONE

PANAMA

Current Stamps of the United States Surcharged in Black.

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2c—5,000,000.
5c—2,000,000.
8c—1,000,000.
10c—1,000,000.

This is sufficient proof that the Washington authorities expected that their use would be permanent. The number of each value actually sold was as follows:

1c—43,738.
2c—68,414.
5c—20,858.
8c—7,932.
10c—7,856.

The following plate numbers have been recorded, and are found at either the bottom or left side of the sheet:

1c—2061, 2062, 2063, 2088, 2092, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144.
2c—2076, 2133, 2135, 2136, 2192, 2202, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2212, 2214, 2217.

5c—1885, 1886, 1887, 1888.
8c—1497, 1498, 1499, 1500.
10c—1590, 1591, 1592, 1593.

All of the remainders of all values were destroyed by burning on January 2nd and 3rd, 1906, a little more than two years after they had been withdrawn from use on December 11th, 1904.

Their withdrawal was due to an agreement entered into between the then Secretary of War, Hon. Wm. H. Taft, and the Government of the Republic of Panama, whereby the U. S. authorities on the Zone are to purchase from the Panama authorities such stamps as are needed for their postal requirements, at sixty per cent of their face value, and these stamps are to be surcharged by the Zone authorities with the words, "CANAL ZONE."

The reference list of this series is:

1c—green.
2c—carmine.
5c—blue.
8c—puce.
a. "I" for "L" in "CANAL" (No. 1 on sheet).
b. "L" badly broken in "CANAL" (No. 5).
10c—orange brown.

CHAPTER 6.—The Third Series.

The agreement between Mr. Taft and the Panama authorities resulted in a flood of varieties, due to two causes. One of these was the fact that the Canal Zone surcharge was printed upon small quantities of stamps, from copper faced type which was reset five or six times for some of the values. The other was that the stamps used were in many instances those which had been surcharged by the Panama authorities, and which were resurcharged with the Canal Zone settings. It would be an extremely difficult and complicated matter to attempt a chronological classification of all these varieties, and for the sake of simplicity each value will be considered by itself.

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The type used for the surcharge was of Roman capitals. It was set to print a full sheet of one hundred stamps at each impression. Therefore when an error is found in this surcharge it occurs but once on each sheet of 100 stamps.

In the first setting we find the following varieties. On the first stamp of the sheet the letters "C", "A" and "L" are broken. The "C" is only slightly broken, the "A" has the crossbar missing, so that it resembles an inverted "V", and the "L" has the upper bar broken. On the fourth stamp, and in some instances on the third and thirty-fifth stamp also, the "L" is broken in such a manner that it resembles an "I." On the forty-first stamp the spacing between the "A" and "L" is wider than on the other stamps of the sheet. On the sixty-eighth stamp of the first few sheets printed of the two cents rose, the "L" is found sideways. It is probable that this error was discovered after a few sheets had been printed and was corrected. It occurs on no other value and hence it is concluded that the two cents value was the first one to receive this surcharge. On the eighty-seventh stamp of some sheets the "O" and "N" of "ZONE" are slightly below the level of the "Z" and "E." It is difficult to explain why this did not occur on all sheets, or why it does not occur on other values, since it is such a slight error as to be not quickly discovered and corrected.

These varieties of the "CANAL ZONE" surcharge, with the exception of the last named one, which so far has been found only upon the one cent and two cents, and the dropped "L" variety which occurs only on the two cents, are found on the one cent green, two cents rose, five cents blue, eight cents on fifty centavos (third Panama), eight cents on fifty centavos (fourth Panama), and ten cents orange.

In the second setting of the Canal Zone surcharge all of the above named errors have been corrected and the following are found.

On the thirty-second stamp a broken "Z", on the thirty-third stamp a broken "E", sometimes resembling an "F", but more frequently showing most of the bottom stroke, on the forty-second stamp an "L" so broken that it resembles an "I", and on the sixty-fifth stamp an "N" with the serif of the last stroke broken.

The first and last of these broken letters are really very insignificant varieties, and but for the fact that in some of the later settings they have been replaced by letters of a different font of type would in all probability never have been listed or noted, though they occur very regularly on all or nearly all of the sheets. Broken letters occur more or less frequently on other stamps of the sheet but not with the regularity of those named above and consequently they are not noted.

These regular varieties are found upon the one cent green, the two cents carmine rose, the five cents blue, the eight cents on fifty centavos with red brown surcharge, and the ten cents orange with rose brown surcharge.

The third setting differs from the second in only one particular which is that upon the forty-eighth stamp of the sheet the word "ZONE" appears in antique type. None of the broken letters have been corrected but are found as in the second setting. This setting was printed upon the one cent green, five cents blue, eight cents on fifty centavos, ten cents orange, two cents rose (fourth Panama surcharge), and eight cents (third Panama surcharge).

The fourth setting still has all of the broken letters of the second and third settings, the antique type on the forty-eighth stamp, and in addition to these varieties, on the twenty-sixth stamp the word "CANAL" appears in antique type. This is found on the one cent green and ten cents orange.

The fifth setting retains the antique type on the twenty-sixth and forty-eighth stamp, and the broken "E" on the thirty-third one, but the broken "Z" of No. 32, "L" of No. 42, and "N" of No. 65 have been replaced by perfect letters but these are of antique type. This occurs on the five cents blue, eight cents with red brown surcharge, ten cents orange, eight cents with period on third Panama, and eight cents without period on fourth Panama.

The sixth setting differs from the fifth in having on the forty-second stamp an antique "L" in addition to the "Z" of the fifth setting, and on the forty-fifth stamp an antique "Z."

This setting is found only on the five cents value.

One Cent Green, 1904-06.

This stamp and the two cents rose, were of a type of Panama stamps intended by the government to be permanent, but the supply ordered was not large and consequently did not last very long. The design was similar to the old Colombia stamps showing the map of the Isthmus, with the words "REPUBLICA DE PANAMA" at the top, numerals of value in each lower corner, and "CENTAVO" in the center at the bottom. It also has the inscription "3 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 1903" in a curved label near the top.



First Printing—The first Canal Zone printing of this stamp was placed on sale December 12th, 1904. Besides the usual varieties of this printing there occurred a double surcharge and an inverted sur-



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charge. Very few of these ever got into circulation as they were discovered by the postal authorities and destroyed with other errors. Thus far two used copies of the first named variety have been found and three used copies of the second one are known.

Second Printing—The second printing appeared late in the summer of 1905, though the stamps were printed in May of that year.

Third Printing—The third printing was first seen late in 1905.

Fourth Printing—The fourth printing was issued early in 1906 and must have been small as the number of stamps of this value bearing the "CANAL" in antique type is so far as known less than one hundred. The only reason that occurs to the writer for such a small printing is that a few sheets of this value were left on hand after the third printing and that the authorities decided to use them up at this time. There is one other variety that occurs on the one cent green of this printing, viz.: on the 68th stamp the impression of the "E" is very faint and in some instances it is nearly gone.

The list of this value follows. The Roman letters following the variety indicating the printing of the Canal Zone surcharge. This method will also appear in the lists of the other stamps.

1c green.
a—"CANAL ZONE" double (I).
b—"CANAL ZONE" inverted (I).
c—"C, A, L," broken (I; No. 1).
d—"L" broken (I; No. 4, sometimes Nos. 3 and 35).
e—"A L" widely spaced (I; No. 41).
f—"ON" below line (I; No. 87).
g—"Z" broken (II, III, IV; No. 32).
h—"E" broken (II, III, IV; No. 33).
i—"L" broken (II, III, IV; No. 42).



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j—"N" broken (II, III, IV; No. 65).
k—"ZONE" antique type (III, IV; No. 48).
l—"CANAL" antique type (IV; No. 26).
m—"E" nearly gone (IV; No. 68).

Two Cent Rose, 1904-06.

The design of this is the same as that of the preceding value and the surcharge is of the same type. There were not, however, as many Canal Zone printings on this value, only two being known.

First Printing—The first printing was issued December 12th, 1904, and has the usual errors. There is besides these a double surcharge, an inverted surcharge, and the variety with the "L" sideways, mentioned above.

Dr. Perry has this to say in regard to these errors:

"Dealers and collectors have been watching for errors in the current series, and some have occurred. However, these stamps are carefully examined and re-examined for the purpose of detecting any that may have been surcharged.

"There have occurred 2c double and inverted surcharges, and 2c in which one stamp in the sheet occurs with the 'L' dropped and printed sideways.

"All these errors have been detected before the stamps were issued and have been placed aside, and were destroyed by burning on January 23rd, 1905.

"Every effort has been made to secure some of these errors, and two dealers offered \$5,000 for the lot, but the postal department of the Canal Zone is

conducted strictly for postal needs. Still in spite of the precautions taken, the following have escaped their vigilance and have gone out."

2c—inverted surcharge, 30 to 40.
2c—dropped "L" sideways, about 25.

The 2c inverted—a few of these stamps were sold before the error in the sheet was detected and returned. Again a few sheets containing the dropped "L" were placed on sale and probably about 25 of this error got into circulation. Then this stamp was removed from all sheets before they were issued to the various postmasters. 920 of this error were burned together with the other errors. Although Dr. Perry does not state that the double surcharges were destroyed, no one has yet reported having seen one, and it is probable that all were burned. In the latter part of 1908 two sheets of the inverted "CANAL ZONE" surcharge were placed upon the market. Three sheets of this error must therefore have been printed and issued.

As to the number of stamps printed with this surcharge Mr. Toppan says:

"The fact that these errors were all destroyed on January 23rd, 1905, proves beyond question, that they were all upon sheets of this printing and, as 920 of them were destroyed and 'about 25' are known to exist we should judge that the printing consisted of from 950 to 1,000 sheets, or 95,000 to 100,000 stamps."

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second setting, and, besides these there is known a shifted surcharge in which the "C" of "CANAL" is missing on the stamps of the tenth vertical row. It is probable that the supply of the two cents stamps was exhausted by these two printings, which together numbered 370,000 stamps, or, if not entirely exhausted, so nearly so that not enough remained for a third printing.

The list for this stamp is:

2c rose.

a—"CANAL ZONE" inverted (I).
b—"L" of "CANAL" sideways (I; No. 68).
c—"CAL" of "CANAL" broken (I; No. 1).
d—"L" broken (I; No. 4, sometimes No. 3 and No. 35).
e—"AL" widely spaced (I; No. 41).
f—"ON" below other letters (I; No. 87).
g—"Z" broken (II; No. 32).
h—"E" broken (II; No. 33).
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j—"N" broken (II; No. 65).
k—"ANAL" for "CANAL" (II).

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Memory—As we were passing a gentleman in a crowded corridor, fond recollection came to our aid; and quite snappily did we accost him to ask if he were the Honorable Luther W. Mott, Oswego, New York, congressman from New York. He was, of course, but he could not understand how we could know him at a glance since we had not seen him since 1894 or twenty-two years ago. The explanation is simple enough, once a philatelist always a philatelist. Mr. Mott is joining philatelic societies again and who knows but that he will start a philatelic scramble among the M. C.'s.

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Song—From Ohio, as a member of the Republican Glee Club of Columbus, came Mr. H. S. Adair, ex-secretary of the American Philatelic Society. While Mr. Adair succeeded in telling us of some of his philatelic ambitions and aspirations, yet he was never able to finish his story as he was being forced into song on the slightest provocation.

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Two—State Senator E. R. Ackermann, known as one of America's greatest collectors, was a delegate from the state of New Jersey and was a very busy man with many duties to demand his attention. Our old friend, Mr. A. W. Batchelder was one of the moving spirits of the Progressive convention who was in the thick of the fight, but such is the ruling passion that he found that notwithstanding all the distracting influences, he was ever ready to talk stamps.

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Disputed—Several weeks ago, we said something about a question in a prize contest that asked what foreign country pictured a United States battleship on one of its stamps. Moreover, we indulged in a self-approving moment by saying that we were the only one in the whole class who answered correctly that it was Uruguay. We have just had our complacency jolted by Mr. Robert G. Montgomery of Philadelphia who writes: "Referring to the May 20th editorial, I am in receipt of the following letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy: 'Replying to your letter of the 20th instant requesting a list of the U. S. Naval Vessels which visited Montevideo, Uruguay, on August 25th, 1909, you are informed that a search of the records fails to show that any U. S. Naval Vessel was at Montevideo on the date in question.' As your editorial may have mentioned the wrong issue, there being another one showing naval vessels, I write to inquire if the date I have given the Assistant Secretary is correct." Mr. Montgomery took pains to secure this information in which he is much interested, having been connected with the department for some time. While we think that this statement settles all argument yet there is justification for some remarks on the subject.

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Delving—The national holiday of Uruguay is the 25th of August, as it was on August 25th, 1825, that the country's independence was declared. On August 25th, 1908, three stamps were issued to commemorate the independence of Uruguay; and we read that the design is a representation of the Bay of Montevideo with the Uruguayan cruiser "Montevideo" and the gunboat "18 de Julio" in the foreground. We did not assume that the phantom United States battleship was shown on this stamp but on the two bi-colored stamps issued a year later to celebrate the opening of the port of Montevideo, it was our recollection that the vessel was depicted. In the face of the statement of the Navy Department that no U. S. naval vessel was at Montevideo on the date in question, we may only say that we understood that war vessels of different countries including the U. S., assembled at Montevideo but that the celebration was not held because of the countermanding of the program in consequence of the calamity, whereby the liner *Columbia* was sunk in collision with the steamship *Schlesien* with the loss of over one hundred lives.

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Excise—From Mr. A. Preston Pearce, Plymouth, England, who, fifteen years ago, contributed regularly to our columns as an authority on foreign revenues has redeemed his promise made

some weeks since to send a description of the new British excise revenue stamps and particulars of their use. We have received an interesting article on the subject from Mr. Pearce and we are further indebted to him for specimens of the half penny, one penny and two pence stamps that are described in the course of the contribution.

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Unordinary—Abnormalities in sheets of United States stamps caused by the doubling under or over of the blank marginal strips surrounding the sheets before they are perforated are uncommon enough to attract attention. Mr. G. H. Peterson of Belleville, New Jersey, shows a block of twenty-five of the current two cent, perforated 10, that has a huge margin in the upper right hand corner due to creasing before perforating. Mr. Peterson shows that Canada is taking no chance by submitting a money-order business envelope of Canada "free under convention" and sent to the postmaster of one of our large cities that is censored, nevertheless.

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Sealed—Writing in the *National Geographic Magazine*, Prof. A. T. Clag told of the custom in oriental countries that prevails to this day of stamping letters with a seal in lieu of affixing the signature of the writer. Even in ancient Babylonia, almost all of the important citizens had seals or cylinders "the impression of which upon the document or letter served the purpose of signature." About 2000 B. C., there was an officer whose duty it was to cut seals upon a soft material for temporary use for those who did not possess them; and today, in some oriental lands his counterpart exists. As a substitute for the seal it was customary for the individual to impress his thumb-nail mark on soft clay. With this explanation in mind one may better understand some of the characteristics of the designs of oriental stamps.

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BRITISH STAMP TAXES.

Dear Mr. Severn:—

A short time ago I promised to send you some account of the new Stamp Duties imposed in this country in pursuance of the British plan of paying a good share of the expenses of the War out of current revenue. The Budget estimate of the amount to be raised by new taxation during the present year was three hundred million pounds, but only a very small proportion was expected to be obtained by the use of stamps.

American collectors who read the cabled reports of our Chancellor's proposals, probably fastened on the new Match Tax as one of the most interesting items. I do not suppose that the actual words with which it was introduced were transmitted, but they had a special interest for fiscal philatelists. Mr. McKenna had been dealing with the increased duties on cocoa, coffee and chicory, and then proceeded:

"Undaunted by the example of Mr. Lowe, I ask the Committee to assent to a duty on matches—(a voice: You will burn your fingers. Laughter and cheers)—which ought to bring in as much as two million pounds. The suggested rate is 3s 6d, Customs duty, and 3s 4d Excise, for 10,000 matches, or a governing duty of 4d, a thousand."

Here, perhaps, I should interpose the explanation that the Customs duty is the one to be applied to foreign matches, and the Excise duty to the home manufactured article. This was the only proposal in the Budget differentiating between native and foreign products.

Returning to the philatelic side of the subject, the reference to Mr. Lowe recalled to some of the older members the ill-fated attempt made by that Minister in 1871 to impose a stamp duty of one half-penny on each box of matches. This was seven years after the successful introduction of a similar tax in your country, which was working well at that very time, but the proposal raised a storm of indignation, and had to be withdrawn. Soft-hearted legislators were moved to pity by deputations of ragged match-sellers, and eventually the whole situation was deliciously hit off by *Punch*. To explain our national jester's quip, it must be mentioned that the stamps for payment of the new tax were prepared beforehand, and present one very remarkable feature. The design is a flaming torch in a double-lined oval bearing the punning Latin motto "*Ex luce lucellum*," which may be translated as A little profit out of light. Mr. *Punch*'s smart comment was:

"*Ex luce lucellum*,' a phrase we all know!

But if Lucy can't sell 'em, how then, Mr. Lowe?"

The failure to carry this proposal led to Mr. Lowe's resignation, but we are living in very different times, and in spite of the comment interjected into the Budget speech, and the traditional objection to this particular duty which undoubtedly exists, Britishers have uncomplainingly shouldered this tax with the rest. It only remains to be said that apparently this duty is not being collected now by means of stamps, for none appear on any of the packages that reach consumers.

The original Finance (New Duties) Bill, promulgated after the Chancellor had spoken, showed that the Inland Revenue authorities had arranged for a new duty on table waters, cider and perry to be collected by means of adhesive labels. Strong opposition was manifested towards this method of collection by manufacturers, who roundly asserted that it would be impossible to

affix the stamps to the bottles, and they appear to have carried their point, at any rate so far as aerated waters are concerned. By a modification of the Bill the duty is to be collected on the certified output of the manufactories, but I have not yet been able to ascertain what the position will be with respect to cider and perry.

On the point of the alleged impossibility of collection by means of stamps, it may be said that a certain French municipality has employed this method ever since 1878. Testimony to this is borne by certain labels in my collection inscribed "Octroi d'Epinal—Limonade & Eaux Gazeuses." The same thing is found in Turkey, where they tax everything in heaven and on earth, as well as the capacity of Hades.

The only certain fresh issue of stamps to which I can bear witness is for the purpose of collecting the new tax on amusements, and I take pleasure in enclosing specimens for your inspection. In introducing this duty Mr. McKenna said:

"It is a tax on all contracts and entrance fees charged for amusements—such as theatres, kinemas, football matches, horse races, and other similar shows. The great source of revenue from this tax will be the kinema picture palaces. I hesitate to name my estimate of the number of visitors to these shows in the course of a year. It reaches many hundreds of millions, and it would seem that a large proportion of the individuals of our country, of both sexes and of all classes and of all ages, visit a picture palace at least once a week. . . . The total revenue from this source is estimated at five million pounds, but the material on which to found an estimate is not very precise, and I should not be surprised if this estimate prove to be incorrect."

The scale is as follows: Where the payment does not exceed 2d, the tax is ¼d; from 2d, to 6d, 1d; from 6d, to 2s 6d, 2d; from 2s 6d, to 5s, 3d; from 5s, to 7s 6d, 6d; from 7s 6d, to 12s 6d, 1s; above 12s 6d, 1s, for the first 12s 6d, and 1s, for every 10s, or part of 10s, over 12s 6d.

Broadly, the tax is not to be applied to charges for admittance to a place where you amuse yourself, such as a skating-rink or dancing hall, but if you pay to see other people skate or dance you become liable.

The tax came into force on May 15th, and, writing in the same week, I am able to report that it is being collected in three different ways. One is by means of the adhesive stamps already mentioned, which shall be described presently, and which are attached to the ordinary tickets in use. Another is by means of tickets supplied by the Government in rolls, on which the price of admission is printed and the amount of tax indicated by means of a non-adhesive revenue stamp. The third method is by an arrangement under which the number of admissions is checked by a turnstile, or automatic ticket deliverer, and the management undertakes to pay to the Customs the proper share of the takings.

In the first two cases the attendants at the doors have to tear the stamps across, so that used specimens should only be obtainable in halves; but it already appears probable that amusement caterers will prefer to adopt the third method whenever able to obtain the necessary sanction.

The adhesive stamps are of bold and simple, but not unpleasing, appearance. The imperial crown on a lined background occupies the centre, the words EXCISE REVENUE appear on a long scroll at the top, and the value in words

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on a smaller one below. Both inscriptions are in coloured letters on a white ground. At each side the value is expressed in large white letters on a solid ground, and the floral emblems of the British Isles are introduced in the corners. The stamp approximates in size to the U. S. Special Delivery, but is a little wider and not quite so deep. It is printed on the British postage stamp paper, and the perforation is 14 1/2 to 15x 14. The colours are: 1/2d, myrtle green; 1d, maroon; 2d, milky blue; 3d, purple; 6d, pale red. I have not yet seen the higher values.

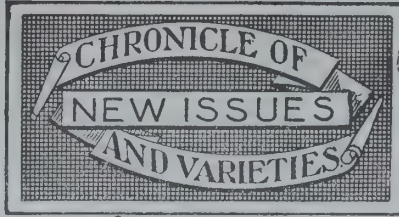
In comparing British and American revenue stamps it is noticeable that the tendency in the New World is towards the use of stamps of very low value. With us it has hitherto been quite the other way, and it is an interesting reflection that the 1/2d stamp just described is the first adhesive of so low a value that has been actually brought into use in this country for purely revenue purposes. Mention has indeed been made of the 1/2d, Match Tax stamp of 1871, but it was still-born; and the only possible rival is a 1/2d, Excise Label, for payment of a duty on Mixtures of Coffee, dating from 1880. This, however, is a long band (190x32 mm.), and, although perforated, was not gummed. The British 1/2d, postage stamp has no claim to consideration, for, in spite of the legend "Revenue" upon it, a single one is incapable of paying any duty.

In conclusion, I should like to suggest that some interesting accounts might be obtained from philatelists in other beligerent countries of the fiscal war stamps that have issued from the present conflagration. Indeed, the invitation might well be extended to residents in various neutral countries, which, like the United States itself, have found it desirable to impose stamp duties as a direct consequence of the reign of evil that has overshadowed our globe.

It is a very great pleasure to find myself once more occupying space in the columns of your hospitable paper, and I have to thank you for giving me the opportunity.

Sincerely yours,
A. PRESTON PEARCE.

Plymouth, England,
May 20th, 1916.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—J. M. Bartels reports the following new envelopes.

B.No.	Denom.	Die	Var.	Size.	Paper.	Knife.
2502A	2c	B	2	White	79	

Issue 1912.

2c D 4 3 White 92

Issue 1915.

2c D 4 3 White 92

D. C. Alexander reports finding the 1c of 1890 with the flame-like dots above the right seriph of the right "1". This was noted some time since.

BOLIVIA.—Another stamp has appeared in the lithographed series, locally printed. We understand that certain interior mail matter has been carried free in that country but hereafter it must be prepaid with 1/2c stamps, hence the need for a denomination hitherto lacking in Bolivian stamps. The design is an upright oblong, with "Correos de Bolivia" at the top, "Medio Centavo" at the bottom, and "1/2" at either side. The central figure is the "Tiahuanacu Monolith."

Adhesive.

2c brown.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—Hermann Focke and J. A. Galbraith have shown us the 1sh King George stamp printed on paper colored through.

Adhesive.

1sh black on green.

CHILE.—La Revue Francaise chronicles a new envelope, with portrait of Valdivia.

Envelope.

20c orange.

ECUADOR.—Two more of the current stamps have been issued in a single color. These were taken from the Reserve stock according to the official decree reprinted from Whitfield King's list in No. 1319. There are no changes in designs or portraits from the bicolored stamps.

Adhesives.

1c orange.
2c green.

EGYPT.—Marsh's Philatelist reports having found the 2m on 3m orange, recently chronicled with surcharge inverted. It is reported that "the use of all" O. H. H. S. stamps has been discontinued, owing, it is believed, to the discovery that they have been made use of on private letters to prevent their being opened by the censor, official letters being passed unopened.

HONDURAS.—Hermann Focke sends us the new 20c stamp of the lithographed "Puente Ulua" design. This has been overprinted "Oficial" in black.

Adhesive.

20c red brown.

Official Adhesive.

20c red brown; overprint black.

MEXICO.—Last week we pictured editorially a proof of the new commemorative stamp with central design showing portrait of Carranza. Specimens of this stamp have now been submitted by S. B. Hopkins and Hermann Focke. It is line engraved in a beautiful shade of blue and was issued to celebrate the arrival of Carranza in Mexico City April 14, 1916. According to the information given last week the stamp will be valid for use in June only and will be good only for use in Mexico.

Mr. Focke also sends us a new provisional from this country, the 5c orange of 1910 having been overprinted "G. P. de M.—20—Centavos" in a fanciful design of scroll work. This appears to be what was promised at the time the first "G. P. de M." overprint was placed on so many values.

Scott's Circular chronicles the 5c value in the new set. It is of large size, similar in shape and design to the 40c and 1p recently issued but showing the Post-office in Mexico City. It is printed in two colors. Hermann Focke shows used specimens of the 4c Morelos stamp, the whole set being now to be found in this condition.

Adhesive.

5p claret and ultramarine.

Commemorative Adhesive.

10c light blue.

Provisional Adhesive.

20c on 5c orange; surcharge brown.

NEW CALEDONIA.—Michael P. Hynes has shown us the New Caledonia Red Cross stamp, Scott's No. 251, with surcharge inverted.

NEW ZEALAND.—Ewen's Weekly chronicles the 1 1/2d King George stamp typographed instead of engraved. The color is deeper.

Adhesive.

1 1/2d deep slate.

PERU.—Hermann Focke has shown us five new provisionals from Peru, the 4c and 50c of 1909, having been surcharged "Vale—1 Centavo—1916," and the 5c, 10c and 50c postage due stamps of the same date "Franqueo—Vale 2 cts—1916." The type of surcharges was described in Nos. 1309, 1314 and 1316.

Provisional Adhesives.

2c on 4c vermilion; surcharge blue.

1c on 50c yellow; surcharge green.

2c on 5c brown postage due; surcharge purple.

2c on 10c brown postage due; surcharge purple.

2c on 50c brown postage due; surcharge purple.

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS.—Hermann Focke and J. A. Galbraith send the new 5d stamp in the King George set.

Adhesive.

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If you are interested in cancellations, it is wonderful to note the various post marks, circular forms, cross roads, pre-cancels and in one instance that I recall

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19 4p orange	5.00	2.00
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1 Newfoundlnd, 1p brn. violet	5.00	3.00
3 3p green	2.50	1.00
5a 5p brown violet, pair	8.50	
8 8p scarlet vermilion	12.50	7.00
11 2p orange	10.00	6.50
12 4p orange	25.00	12.00
18 4p rose	1.00	.45
19 5p reddish brown	2.50	1.50
19a 5p orange brown	3.00	1.50
20 6p rose	.60	.25
23 1sh rose	1.50	.85
24 1866, 2c green	1.25	.50
25 5c brown	6.00	2.70
26 10c black	2.50	1.00
27 12c pale red brown	1.00	.40
28 13c orange	1.50	.70
29 24c blue	1.00	.50
30 1867, 1c violet	1.25	.60
30a 1c brown lilac	2.50	1.00
31 3c vermilion	3.50	2.50
32 3c blue	1.00	.50
33 5c black	4.00	2.00
35 1876, 1c brown lilac	2.50	1.30
37 3c blue	1.00	.50
38 5c blue	.60	.25
41 2c yellow green	.35	.18
42 3c blue	1.25	.30
43 5c pale blue	.40	.15
45 1c green	.08	.04
47 3c brown	.18	.08
48 5c dark blue	.30	.15
79 2c orange	.15	.07
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THE TWO NEW DIES OF THE 2c ENV.

By LOUIS G. BARRETT.

Herman Toasperm criticizing my description of the two new dies of the U. S. two cent envelopes, overlooks entirely the fact that the original "J. M. Bartels descriptions" were in error, and did not agree with the envelopes themselves which had been sent out in their new issue service by the J. M. Bartels Co. In an endeavor to correct this discrepancy I sent you what I considered the more correct descriptions.

Since then, another list of descriptions has appeared in the *Philatelic Gazette* for May, which still further complicates the matter and is hardly more correct than the first one; for while giving the first feature correctly for both Dies A and B, the second and third features are just transposed between A and B.

A glance at a "deadly parallel" of the published facts to date, will convince any fair minded person, that so far my list is the only correct one of those given, and that Mr. Toasperm is hardly justified in criticizing my description when two successive descriptions given out for publication by the J. M. Bartels Co. have both been incorrect and confusing to the last degree.

I give herewith extracts from the articles referred to:

MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, May 6, by J. M. Bartels:—

Die A—(a) U 1 mm. from circle enclosing 2; (b) NT close at base; (c) Top of S of CENTS short.

Die B—(a) U less than 1/2 mm. from circle; (b) NT much wider at base; (c) Top of S of CENTS broad.

MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, May 20, by L. G. Barrett:—

Die A—(a) U less than 1/2 mm. from left circle; (b) (not easily seen); (c) Top of S of CENTS short and thin; (d) Cross-bar in A of STATES midway, and triangular space above it small; (e) T of CENTS has short and thin top stroke.

Die B—(a) U 1 mm. from left circle; (b) (not easily seen); (c) Top of S of CENTS longer and heavier; (d) Cross-bar of A of STATES low, and space above it has square top; (e) T of CENTS has long and heavy top stroke.

Philatelic Gazette May, 1916, by J. M. Bartels:—

Die A—(a) U less than 1/2 mm. from circle; (b) NT much wider at base; (c) Top of S of CENTS broad.

Die B—(a) U 1 mm. from circle enclosing 2; (b) NT close at base; (c) Top of S of CENTS short.

From the above it will be noted that Mr. Bartels has in *Philatelic Gazette* given to Die A, the complete description previously given in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY to Die B; and vice versa; whereas items (b) and (c) for each die, in the *Philatelic Gazette* list are still wrong and do not belong with their accompanying items (a) but should be transposed between the two dies.

Omitting items (d) and (e) from my list, which I added as being of service in more certainly identifying the dies, it will be seen that my descriptions of items (a) and (c) are correct for their respective dies, while I remark that Mr. Bartels' item (b) is not easily seen, and might well be ignored.

As Mr. Toasperm says, the real test is the difference in position of the U of UNITED in relation to the left circle, but he does not admit that the first list as published was in error, and that my correction was needed to set things right. Neither does he refer to the incorrect list as published in *Philatelic Gazette* which, having item (a) corrected (as given in my list) slips up on items (b) and (c). In other words, both lists as given out by Mr. Bartels, one to MEKEEL'S WEEKLY and the other to the *Philatelic Gazette*, have been incorrect, the former as to item (a) the latter as regards (b) and (c).

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—F. E. B.—We have no publications dealing with the stamps of South or Central America.

—If too much trouble to procure a money order when you renew your subscription or purchase books from our list, remit in stamps 5c to 15c denominations. We shall appreciate the favor.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Charles H. Hermann (5) and Otto Frank.

—If you don't know when your subscription expires look at the Whole Number on the wrapper of this week's paper and compare it with the Whole Number indicated on the first page of the WEEKLY. That tells the story.

—The Co-operative Exchange or M. Ohlman would like to hear from any dealers who are unable to secure answers to letters addressed to Wallace E. Ross, 102 Mass. Av. N. W., Washington, D. C. Mr. Bier of the Exchange writes that Mr. Ross pays absolutely no attention to letters sent him.

—We want a few extra copies of the issue of January 29, providing they can be returned to us in the original folds. Subscribers thus favoring us will have sent them one of our current exchanges. Please see that copies sent us are sent in good form.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322 Tremont Bldg., 8.15 P. M.

June 12, 1916.

The 360th (regular) meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society, Inc., will be held at the club room on Tuesday, June 20. The application of Mr. Howard S. Wheeler will be voted upon.

The entertainment for the evening will consist of a competition for which three ribbons are offered as prizes. The contest will be:—"Any country, not a British Colony, which has issued at least 50 stamps, exclusive of dues, officials, etc. The marking for same will be—Completeness, 40%, Condition 40%, Arrangement and Neatness 20%. No member can submit more than one country. A competition of this sort should bring out a large number of entries as the field is large enough to enable every one to compete. Even if you do not expect to win a ribbon, bring in your favorite country and show the members some of the interesting stamps which you possess.

Those dining informally will meet at the club-room at 6 o'clock.

FREDERIC W. STILES, Sec.

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

SIMPLIFIED SPECIALISM—NETHERLANDS—Part II.

In 1864, the second issue of the stamps of Netherlands was engraved by J. W. Kaiser at Amsterdam. As before, the set consisted of the three values, 5c, 10c and 15c, picturing King William III. This set being in use but three years, is fast becoming as scarce as the first issue which was in use for twelve years.

The second issue was also printed at the Government Mint, at Utrecht. Several printings were made, on paper varying in thickness, color and texture. Copies are known on a paper of light azure tint. The use of watermarked paper was discontinued with this issue and has never been re-used to date. This issue introduced perforated stamps to this country, a gauge of 12½x12 being used.

Sheets of the second issue were divided into two panes of one hundred stamps each, placed side by side. The line-eraving on these stamps is very fine and they are quite worthy of a place among the early "classics" from point of beauty. There are quite a number of differences of interest to specialists, and it is possible to arrange sets showing the various stages of the wearing of the plates in the different printings.

On October 1, 1866, the firm of J. Enschede and Sons, of Haarlem, was awarded the contract for printing the stamps of Netherlands and Colonies, and has continued to manufacture the stamps of this country and its dependencies. Collectors are also familiar with other work done by this firm, in the issues of Persia of recent years. This company exhibited some fine samples of their work at the San Francisco exposition last year, wherein they showed pairs and strips of unused Netherlands, Dutch Colonials, and Persian stamps in complete sets as manufactured by them, and the writer noted especially that the work was absolute perfection with regard to perforating and register. Several of the other exhibits were arranged without regard to these points so important to the philatelist.

Following the awarding of the contract to this concern, a printing of the stamps of the second issue was made by them, from the original plates.

As in the first issue, there is considerable variation in shade in the stamps of the second issue. The 5c contains the greatest variations, while the 10c exists in several shades, and the 15c in two distinct shades and several minor tints.

Pairs and strips of this issue are rare, yet not unknown. The 15c stamp, which is quite rare in single copies, is very seldom seen in pairs or strips. Blocks of four or larger are exceedingly rare. Covers are to be had at prices approaching catalogue in some instances and higher, depending upon desirability. Many of the postmarks of this period are worthy of attention by specialists. Red and black cancellations are used principally. The framed Franco is quite common while the unframed Franco is somewhat rare. Town cancellations are not common, yet may be found for a little searching.

The third issue of Netherlands was prepared in October, 1867. The plates for this issue were engraved by J. Nussler, of Dusseldorf, and the stamps were printed by J. Enschede and Sons, at Haarlem, under contract mentioned above. Two dies were made of each value, showing variations in the numerals. This series was also printed from line engraved plates, bearing portrait of King William III. Three new values, of 20c, 25c and 50c were added in this set for the first time.

Several printings were made, on paper of different thicknesses and texture, unwatermarked. In November, 1871, a paper with bluish tinge was used for printing the 5c, 10c, 15c, and 20c.

This issue contains some very confusing perforation varieties, as several

sizes were used. The 10½x10 series of 5c, 10c, 15c, and 20c, issued in 1869 is the rarest of all Netherlands stamps. The 5c and 10c are quite scarce, while the 15c is a genuine rarity and the 20c is very hard to find, even when one has an inclination to spend \$6.00 or \$8.00 for it. As the specialist will no doubt be familiar with the various varieties of perforations and dies, I shall not attempt to dwell on them here, since they interest the specialist only. The following perforations were used:

- 12½x12—October, 1867.
- 10½x10—1869
- 13, 13½x14—1869
- 13, 13½—1869
- 14 small holes—1869

The stamps on bluish paper were all printed from Die II and exist with various perforations.

The authenticity of the imperforate stamps of this issue has never been fully established. M. Moens secured several sheets of all values from the Dutch Government in this condition, but no proof that these stamps were ever issued in this condition has ever been found.

The collector who is really desirous of studying some individual issue of stamps will find that the third issue of Netherlands offers a very large field for research work. These stamps are still to be had in small quantities and will pay for any attention given them, since they offer great possibilities in shades and perforations, as well as paper varieties. Other issues will be discussed later.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

This department has been somewhat neglected of late, owing to the fact that we have been somewhat pressed for space, as well as for time. In the future, however, we shall try to give this feature better attention, as well as correspondence requiring personal reply. The writer would prefer to have as many letters as possible addressed for publication rather than for personal reply, as it is our aim to benefit as many of our readers as possible by this service. Let the other fellow have the benefit of your reply. Personal letters will, however, be attended to when desired.

G. E. H.—The provisional issues of Peru are quite a study in themselves. I am not familiar with the 10c stamp surcharged "Pisco" in oval, so can throw very little light on it for you. There has been some counterfeiting done in these issues and it is barely possible that your stamp is fraudulently surcharged, yet it is also quite possible that it is a legitimate issue. I hesitate to say that any of the catalogues offer a complete list.

M. W. T.—I believe your Crete and Portugal stamps are chemical changelings. I have seen startling changes in both of these stamps due to oxidization, though the Crete stamp usually turns a deep red brown. Water will affect the Portuguese issues of this period under certain conditions. In fact, there are countless ways in which stamps can be changed from one shade to another.

P. C. F.—Precancel stamps are stamps cancelled by the post office before selling. They are cancelled thus to save the labor of cancelling individual pieces of mail, and can only be used by concerns having a permit from the office of mailing. A very careful record is kept of the quantity sold and also of the quantity mailed to prevent any discrepancies. Only commercial houses using a large quantity of mail may use precancels. As there are many different styles of type used in precancelling the stamps by the different post offices, the collecting of precancels affords great interest and pleasure to those who gather them.

L. W. H.—Your Mexican stamp 1903, 5c orange has turned brown from ex-

posure to the certain elements in the air causing oxidization. Orange changes to brown very readily, as will be seen on the U. S. 2c Civil War revenues and other "old timers." A bath in peroxide of hydrogen, on a little of this chemical applied with a piece of cotton will restore the color. Try it on half of the stamp and see the difference it makes.

H. R. DeH.—Your Ceylon stamp surcharged Cave has a control mark to prevent unauthorized use. "Cave" is a firm.

G. C. F.—Your 10pf Germany on rose paper is a new one on me. It looks, though, as if it had been soaked in the same dish as some U. S. Postage Dues or some other red stamp with fugitive color. Also, the colored envelope lining used by some foreigners will run and cause a discoloration of paper if soaked in the same dish.

F. E. B.—Dealers purchase uncanceled due stamps from certain postmasters who are either ignorant of the postal law or who choose to disregard it. Under the postal ruling, no person outside of the department may have uncanceled postage due stamps in his possession, and same are liable to confiscation. This law is not enforced very rigidly, however, excepting at intervals.

Someone has been "stringing" you. True, the Guatemala peso is worth only a very few cents, but Honduras and Salvador exchange is considerably higher than 2¼c, and all of these countries are issuing peso stamps (Colonies in Salvador) at the present time. The cost of printing stamps is approximately 8c per 1,000, so they can well afford to print them.

M. H.—Sorry, but I haven't the address of C. W. W. who inquired for tobacco stamp information. If C. W. W. sees this and will write me, I shall gladly forward his address to you, and I know he will thank you for any help you give him.

H. S.—Belgian stamps are slightly better with coupon attached. Your revenue stamp is oxidized, causing the brown color. This is caused by exposure to the air under certain conditions and is a somewhat common occurrence, particularly on red or orange stamps.

V. A. B.—I believe the Philatelic Brotherhood of America is open to boy collectors. I know of no booklet on Greek stamps. A very fine series of articles appeared in *Philatelic Opinion* some time ago, and a letter addressed to Mr. Poole, 312 Washington Bldg., Los Angeles, Calif., will bring you information regarding cost of the back-numbers of this publication.

L. T.—The stamps of Hamburg have been reprinted, and originals are quite scarce. It would be quite impossible to say whether your copy was genuine or not without seeing it. As the genuine are rare, and reprints rather common, it is very doubtful. The Canada War-Tax stamps will not be rare, but should prove to be somewhat scarce before long.

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1½r on half of 9r gray lilac, No. 265 .. .15
1½r on half of 4t blue, No. 266 .. .18
2r on half of 2½r yel. brn., No. 267 .. .15
2r on half of 4t blue, No. 268 .. .20
3r on half of 2½r yel. brn., No. 269 .. .15
3r on half of 2t brown, No. 270 .. .12
6r on half of 4½r light grn., No. 271 .. .08
6r on half of 9r gray lilac, No. 272 .. .12
6r on half of 9r dull violet, No. 273 .. .12
6r on half of 8t red violet, No. 274 .. .10

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The Small "Cents" Stamps.

In the *American Journal of Philately* for August, 1869, we read "Canada is shortly to have a new set of stamps. Taking lessons in economy from our own country, it seems they are about altering their stamps to make them smaller, so as to save paper. The head will still remain exactly the same as now, but the frame and the margin around the head will be considerably less. We cannot see how this can be done without spoiling the beauty of the stamp. As to whether they are to retain the same colors we are unable to say." The 1869 issue of the United States was in use at that time and though this series is now generally popular it was regarded with very mixed feelings then as may be imagined from the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* comments on the above statement, viz.:—"We trust this intelligence is incorrect; that the example of the new United States stamps can have any attractive influence on the Canadian authorities is hardly possible."

The new issues do not seem to have formed the subject of any special official document or notice, nor does the reduction in the size of the labels seem to have been considered worthy of special mention in any of the Reports issued by the Postmaster-General.

These smaller sized stamps were issued as the stocks of the earlier issues became exhausted or, in some cases, presumably as the old plates were discarded owing to wear, but it appears very probable that the dies for the 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c and 10c denominations were all engraved at the same period and, as regards the 2c, 6c and 10c, it is very possible that supplies were printed and held in stock long before it became necessary to issue them to the public.

The 3c was the first value to appear and was probably on sale some time in January, 1870. The *Stamp Collector's Magazine* for March 1st of that year chronicled this new stamp as follows:—

It appears that the reduction in the size of the Dominion postage stamps,

to which reference was made some months ago, is really to be carried out, and as an earnest of the execution of the project, we receive the three cents red, cut down to the size of the half cent, and with the design made to resemble that of the latter. The numerals in the upper corners are absent; the inscription, CANADA POSTAGE, is in almost microscopic lettering, and in lieu of the full denomination—THREE CENTS—in the lower margin, the word CENTS alone appears, flanked by the figure on each side. The cause of the change is not to be sought in any desire to economise paper; it lies in the simple fact that the smaller size is found the more convenient. The design certainly is not improved by it, and we might call upon these little stamps to "hide their diminished heads," were it not that the head, and that alone, remains as large as ever. The stamps, though in a fair way to become small by degrees as the Canadian idea of convenience increases, are not likely to become "beautifully less." A new value, however, made up from the parings of the old ones—an 8 cents—is said to be in preparation, and will help to make up in quantity, for any deterioration in the quality.

The next value to appear was the 1 cent, which was recorded in the journal referred to above in its issue for April 1st, so that it was no doubt on sale some time in March, 1869. In design it is similar to the 3c, the main difference being in the inscription at base. The de-



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In the following month the 2c was chronicled, its color being given as "a delicate chrome-green." The design differs from the 3c and 6c chiefly in the direction of the curve of the word CENTS, which is reversed, as compared with those denominations, and much less pronounced.

The 10c was the next value to appear and it was not on sale until quite late in 1874, probably about November 1st. The design follows the general effect of the 2c but at the same time illustrates a new departure, inasmuch as the numerals of value are repeated in the upper corners in a smaller form. For what particular purpose this value was intended is not clear for there was, apparently, no regular rate at that time which required such a denomination.

The next value placed on sale was the 5c, which was issued in February, 1876, and superseded the large 5c design after it had been in use for only about four months. Though the portrait is the same as that on the other values the frame is of a distinctly different style and CENTS is in much larger letters than before, showing that the previous values, following as they do a general pattern, were engraved much about the same time though many years elapsed before all were actually in use.



Finally in July, 1882, the 1/2c value appeared and was recorded in the *Philatelic Record* for July of that year in the following words:—

That "history repeats itself" is a proverb that is curiously illustrated by the latest issue of this colony. We all remember that in 1868 a 1/2c stamp of smaller size than the other values of the series was emitted. A few years later, some say for economical reasons, the other values were reduced to the smaller size. Recently it seems to have struck the Canadian authorities that their idea of fourteen years ago was a happy one, and the 1/2c has been proportionately cut down. The general arrangements of the design remain the same, but the ornamentation is simpler. The head and circle containing it are miniatures of the former, and the result is what the ladies would call "a dear little stamp," about the size of our lately defunct "Half-penny," but an upright instead of an oblong rectangle. We trust the price of paper will not again cause a general reduction; for if the Canadian stamps

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The 5c, which was not issued until 1876, has the denomination shown in the upper margin in large shaded Roman capitals, as in the case of the others, but the imprint is different, being like that found on the sheets of the large 5c stamp, i. e. "British American Bank Note Co. Montreal", in capitals and lower case letters on a strip of solid color 56 mm. long by 2½ mm. wide, with a pearly border. This imprint was shown on each of the four margins.

About this time new plates made for the other denominations also had this new style of imprint. Sheets of the 1c and 3c show the imprint on top and bottom margins only, but whether other plates were used for these denominations with imprints on all four sides is not known for certain, though this is highly probable. The 6c and 10c values of this series have



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"The subject of this picture was stricken with small pox and spinal meningitis and after long suffering remained here to be in the condition shown in the picture. He has been lying on his stomach for eight years. His body and limbs are so twisted that he cannot lie on his back. Friends have done what they could to find some means of pleasure but all were but

transient, until it was my privilege to get him some stamps to start a collection. He has found immeasured delight in this. I have given him duplicates until he has several hundred, and I have thought some others might wish to share the pleasure I have found in thus helping to bring some sunshine to the little wheel bed. His mother is a widow with a large family to support by very hard work, and his only hope of adding to his treasures is by the help of others.

If it would be possible to bring this to the attention of the many collectors that would doubtless be glad to have a part in giving him some joy they can communicate directly with him. His address is "Buddie" Lewis, Rear 121 N. Belmont Ave., Springfield, Ohio."

large numerals, "6" or "10" as the case may be, above the second stamp in the top row, while above the ninth stamp of the same row is "SIX" or "TEN" in shaded Roman capitals. The numerals are very thick and 6 mm. in height, while the letters are 4 mm. high as on the earlier plates, though the word "CENTS" has now been dispensed with. This arrangement has not been noted on other denominations as yet, though there is no reason why it should not be found in connection with the 1c, 2c and 3c.

A sheet of the 3c value, with two marginal imprints, is noted with "THREE" in shaded Roman capitals above the first two stamps of the top row, while the 1c is recorded without any marginal designation of value and with but two of the "Montreal" imprints.

The printing establishment of the British American Bank Note Company was removed from Montreal to Ottawa in 1888 and plates made after that date show a new style of imprint viz:—"BRITISH AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA", in white Roman capitals on a strip of solid color measuring 40 mm. long by 1½ mm. wide. This, it will be noted, is like the first type of imprint but with the words "MONTREAL &" removed. On the 2c this is known 49 mm. long and nearly 2 mm. wide, this being from a sheet in the 100 arrangement. The smaller style of imprint seems to have been characteristic of the sheets printed in the 200 size, and writing with regard to these Mr. Howes says:—

The "Ottawa" imprint appears three times, once in the middle of the top

margin, over stamps 10 and 11, and twice in the bottom margin, beneath stamps 5 and 6, and again beneath stamps 15 and 16. There are no imprints at the sides. The denomination appears in the top margin at both right and left and in a new style of lettering on these larger plates. Thus we find ONE CENT or TWO CENT over stamps 2 and 3 as well as 18 and 19, or THREE CENT over the first four and last four stamps in plain Egyptian capitals.

The ½c value, which we have left until last on account of its different sheet arrangement, had the "Montreal" imprint, described in connection with the other values, arranged six times on the margins—above and below each pane, at the



right of the right hand pane, and at the left of the left hand pane—so that there were three imprints on each of the "post-office" sheets of 100 stamps. In addition, to quote Mr. Howes, "over the top inscription of the right pane is the reversed figure 1, 4 mm. high, and in the same position on the left pane the corresponding figure 2, evidently to designate the panes."

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—We are advised of a movement to organize a Tri-State Philatelic Society for collectors in Minnesota and North and South Dakota. A provisional organization has been effected and will be in force until Sept. 1, when an election will be held. J. E. Guest is president, E. R. Aldrich vice president, J. J. Warns secretary, Burt McCann treasurer, V. W. Rotnem sales manager, and Walter Asp exchange manager.

—The *Bethlehem Times* of Bethlehem, Pa., dated June 8, gives an account of the local branch meeting of the Southern Philatelic Association. We are indebted to H. M. Fry, secretary of the Branch, for clipping just at hand.

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Excuse—Last week several observations were crowded out of this column but the only one that really affected a waiting world was in reference to the new Mexican commemorative stamp. Our official translator has corrected us in one of the statements made several weeks ago and says that the stamp is good for postage only on the first of June, 1916. He says that on the first day of that month, it was imperative that each letter mailed in Mexico for the interior or for abroad bear one of the commemorative stamps. While it is admitted that the special stamp has no international franking power, it is decreed that all foreign letters show the celebration stamp in addition to the regular postage stamps. Here is an example of popularizing a commemorative stamp with a vengeance; and moreover it is a philatelic ephemeral, in truth.

Guessing—A request has come for an opinion on "the future of the fifty dollar documentary revenue stamp." We shall be glad to give our views feeling that they may have some interest if not value as we have seen a half-dozen or so used specimens. It may be recalled that the WEEKLY was the first medium to announce the recall by the authorities of the fifty dollar and the issuance in its stead of the sixty dollar denomination, on account of the theft of a number of the unused stamps. Approximately, eleven hundred of the fifty dollar documentary were not returned to Washington and consequently, it is assumed fairly that these stamps were sold to the public. It follows that in all likelihood, the stamps were each used as their high face value made it inadvisable to keep them in the drawer. The fifty dollar stamps were bought by firms, according to their immediate requirements. We have told of the sale of a superb pair of the stamps in used condition for one hundred dollars to a collector; and we know that dealers have paid around forty dollars each for used stamps that were beyond criticism. As a side-light in this connection, we may say that all the copies used by Armour and Company, Chicago, were canceled by cuts or perforated initials; and of the hundred odd stamps of this value that were sold in Chicago, Armour and Company got

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a good proportion. The collectors who aspire to the possession of this stamp seem to demand perfection condition; and it must be admitted that copies of the fifty dollar that fall short of this class command relatively low prices. We think that the future of the stamp is secure and that no considerable number of the fifty dollar will ever descend on the market. In perfect used condition, the stamp will always be a rarity with a value of forty dollars or so, but in ordinary condition, the price will be but a fraction, one-half, one-third or one-fourth of this amount, however.

Anguish—If there is anything that gives the chap who runs a stamp paper a distinct and localized pain, it is the accusation that this or that class of stamps is being ignored premeditatedly in the reading columns for reasons that are presented ramblingly or not at all. The density of dome of the collector who becomes obsessed with the idea that some certain stamps contain all the elements of philatelic virtue to the exclusion of all others is so unyielding that argument is useless. The extremist who dotes on a selected line of stamps consigning all others to limbo is no specialist, as he may fondly think he is. On the contrary, he is one of the most reprehensible types that cumber philately as in many cases his mania for his touted stamps is based on cupidity. His press-agent stuff, the more shame to him, is inspired by sordid motives. We may sympathize with the sentimental booster but a plague on the coldly commercial calculator.

Cute—The jargon of the auction cataloguer has developed some interesting descriptives. "Perforated in the effigy," "generously canceled," "corner sliced," etc.; and now we learn that in one stamp that the auctioneer knows, "the perforations impinge upon the design." For no reason in the world this makes us think of the impromptu rejoinder of a dealer who in answer to a question whether a certain imperforate stamp he had for sale had a good margin, said, varying the usual "wide enough to drive a team of horses around it,"—"It has a boulevard all the way around."

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Irish—We find that the *London Philatelist* quotes the *London Times*, May 9th, on the subject of the Irish Republic stamps: "I have seen, though I failed to acquire it, one of the Republic's penny stamps. The complete set will probably be a subject of acute interest for philatelists." In the Dublin correspondence in the *Christian Science Monitor* of May 23rd, 1916, it is recorded that the Sinn Feiners issued their own stamps and bank notes. The account is illustrated by a photo-engraving, four and one-half by three and one-half inches, of a Sinn Fein stamp, which was "photographed for the *Christian Science Monitor*." The cross, shamrocks, etc., and Gaelic inscriptions are shown on the stamp. As our contemporary says: "The specimens in question will probably turn out to be rather a projected issue in the nature of essays than a regular issue, for which no scope could have arisen within the limited area of the rebellion." We assume that this stamp is not to be confounded with the Sinn Fein label that appeared eight years ago and which has been used as a sort of label of protest by partisans here and there since that time, the details of the stamp having escaped our memory.

Votes—It is apparent that the well-known "political pot" is boiling at a merry clip in the Southern Philatelic Association. This activity is due to a number of causes, chief of which is the conflict of human ambitions which has been staged from the beginning of the race, the "outs" versus the "ins." When we ponder over what the Southern Philatelic Association was before the advent of several workers in the roles of revivers and its present estate, we cannot see how it would be fair of sensible to retire the present officers. As about the third oldest member of the organization, we can say that the Society experienced many vicissitudes before it attained its position of prominence; and on the score of performance, C. W. Kissinger, candidate for president; William Lycett for vice-president; C. V. Webb for secretary and Erwin R. Fischer for treasurer, all deserve re-election.

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Five Cents Blue, 1904-06.

This is the five cents stamp of the fourth Panama surcharge. The Canal



Zone surcharge is the same as in the preceding values, and all of the six settings are found upon this value.

First Printing—The first printing was upon the stamp having the narrow bar at the top. The "PANAMA" surcharge presents a number of errors some of which are peculiar to this value, while others occur on other values. These are as follows: On the 15th and 20th stamps of the sheet a space of 5 mm. exists between "PANAMA" and the bar at the right side of the stamp, instead of 3½ mm. as in the normal surcharge; on the 41st and 46th stamps the "M" of "PANAMA" on the left is tall and thin, being from a different font of type than that used for the other letters. These two errors are so far as known found on all sheets.

There are some other errors which occur on only a few sheets. It is therefore probable that they were discovered and corrected before many sheets had been printed, or it is possible that a few sheets of another printing of the Panama surcharge became mixed with those of the supply furnished to the Canal Zone authorities. On the bottom row of the sheet we find the word "ANAMA" at the left side of eight stamps, Nos. 91, 92, 93, 95, 96, 98, 99, 100 and "PANAM" at the right of three, Nos. 92, 94 and 97. These errors are found upon a few sheets but are not at all common. The spelling "PANAMA" is found on the 41st and 46th stamps of a very few sheets. The final "A" of "PANAMA" is above the level of the other letters on the 15th and 20th stamps of a very few sheets.

The errors of the "CANAL ZONE" surcharge are those of the first setting. Besides these there is known a double surcharge. Dr. Perry says in regard to this error:

"The five cents double surcharge was in a lot sent to Paraiso last August (1905) and it is supposed that practically all went on letters to Jamaica and, falling into the hands of negroes, were destroyed. That it was of the first Canal Zone printing is proven by the fact that copies are known with the errors "PANAM" and "ANAMA", which occur in no other printing."

The number of the first printing issued was 10,000 on December 12th, 1904; 10,000 in January, 1905, and 10,000 in March, 1905, making a total of 30,000.

Reference list:

5c blue, narrow bar.
 a—"ANAMA" (8 times in lower row, not on all sheets).
 b—"PANAM" (Nos. 92, 94, 97; on a few sheets).
 c—"PANAMA" 5 mm. below bar (15, 20).
 d—"PANAMA" (41, 46) on a few sheets.
 e—"PANAM" (15, 20) on a few sheets.
 f—Tall thin "M" in "PANAMA" (41, 46).
 g—"CAL" broken (I).
 h—"L" broken (4, sometimes 3).
 i—"A L" widely spaced (41).
 j—"CANAL ZONE" double.*
 k—"CANAL ZONE" double and "PANAM".
 l—"CANAL ZONE" double and "ANA-MA".

*It is probable that the "CANAL ZONE" errors exist double but none have as yet been discovered.

Second Printing—The first lot of the second printing was issued May 4th, 1905, and was 10,000 in number, and the second lot, consisting of 20,000, was issued June 22, 1905.

The "PANAMA" surcharge which is the same as that of the first printing has, so far as known, but three errors. The first is the spelling "PANAAAM". This could not be distinguished from the same error occurring in the first printing when on the 46th stamp, unless it were in a block containing some other stamp distinctive of this printing and but four or five copies are known in this condition. Mr. Toppan has it in a block of nine, including Nos. 31, 32, 33, 41, 42, 43, 51, 52, 53, and the Tweedy collection has it in a block of 16, including Nos. 46 and 65.

This surcharge also occurs inverted with the bar at the bottom.

The other error of the "PANAMA" surcharge has the last "A" below the line of the remaining letters of the word, and only three or possibly four copies of this variety have thus far been discovered.

Reference list:

5c blue.
 a—"PANAAAM" (41, 46; 4 or 5 known).
 b—"PANAMA" (15, 20; 3 or 4 known).
 c—"Z" broken (32).
 d—"E" broken (33).
 e—"L" broken (42).
 f—"N" broken (65).
 g—Bar at bottom.

Third Printing—The stamp used for the third printing in the Canal Zone was the one bearing the wide bar with the "PANAMA" fourth surcharge. Of this printing 20,000 were issued August 21, 1905, and 25,000 more on September 23, 1905. The "PANAMA" surcharge exists in two distinct shades of ink. One, probably the earlier, is a bright rose carmine, and the other a dull vermillion. The errors found in the bright shade are "PANAWA" on Nos. 24 and 29, of some of the sheets, "PANAMA" 16 mm. long on Nos. 25 and 30, "PANAMA" 1½ mm. below the bar instead of 3 mm. on the last horizontal row of the sheet, and "PANAMA" 2 mm. from the bar on the second horizontal row. The surcharge is also found inverted with bar at the bottom. These same errors occur in the dull color, and, in addition to them, there is also the spelling "PANANA" on Nos. 95 and 100, and a shifted surcharge with bar at bottom, and a double surcharge.

To distinguish between the inverted surcharge with the bar at the bottom, and the shifted surcharge with the bar in the same position it is necessary to note the distance between the bar and the first letter of "PANAMA." In the inverted surcharge, which was produced by placing the sheet of stamps on the press upside down, this distance is from 2 to 3 mm.

In the shifted surcharge this distance is 4 to 4½ mm. This was produced by placing the sheet in the press in such a manner that the bar fell upon the bottom of the row of stamps above the one upon the top of which it should have fallen. The bottom row of these sheets should show stamps with no bar at all, but except in one instance this variety has not been listed. Some of them will doubtless be found later.

The Canal Zone surcharge of this printing is of the second setting, and is very clear and distinct, such as one would expect to see as a result of the use of new type. It is of a grayish black shade not found in this surcharge in any of the other printings of the stamp with wide bar.

A few sheets of the stamp with the bright carmine surcharge were included

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in the lot used for the fourth printing and these show the "ZONE" in antique type which characterizes the third setting of the surcharge. Two printings having been made from the second setting, namely the second and third, the fourth printing was from the third setting, and this fact should be borne in mind with reference to this value. It occurs in no other.

Reference list:

5c blue and bright carmine rose. Wide bar.
 a—"PANAWA" (24, 29); not on all sheets (II).
 b—"PANAMA" 16 mm. long (25, 30; II).
 c—"PANAMA" 1½ mm. below bar (91 to 100; II).
 d—"PANAMA" 2 mm. below bar (11 to 20; II).
 e—"PANAMA" inverted, bar at bottom (II).
 f—"Z" broken (32; II, III).
 g—"E" broken (33; II, III).
 h—"L" broken (42; II, III).
 i—"N" broken (65; II, III).
 j—"ZONE" antique type (48; III).
 5c blue and dull vermillion. Wide bar.
 a—"PANAWA" (24, 29) not on all sheets (II).
 b—"PANAMA" 16 mm. long (25, 30; II).
 c—"PANAMA" (95, 100; II).
 d—"PANAMA" 1½ mm. below bar (91 to 100; II).
 e—"PANAMA" 2 mm. below bar (11 to 20; II).
 f—"PANAMA" inverted, bar at bottom.
 g—"PANAMA" shifted, bar at bottom.
 h—No bar.
 i—"PANAMA" double (II).
 j—"Z" broken (32; II).
 k—"E" broken (33; II).
 l—"L" broken (42; II).
 m—"N" broken (65; II).

Fourth Printing—The fourth printing consisted of 49,000 stamps of which 20,000 were issued on November 23, 1905, and 29,000 on January 27, 1906. The stamp used was the same as for the third printing but the surcharge is of a shade different from either of those. The shades of this and the following printings, are, however, considerably mixed and one cannot depend upon them to dis-

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tinguish between single stamps. Sheets exist showing two distinct shades which goes to show that this feature is not at all to be depended upon.

The "PANAMA" surcharge shows three errors. The spelling "PAMANA" occurs on the 54th and 59th stamps. The "N" of "PANAMA" is double-lined on numbers 53 and 58. This "N" is a peculiar letter. A triangle is formed on its right hand stroke, and extending to the middle of this stroke, and parallel with the middle stroke. The top of the triangle is the serif, the inner side is formed by the extra stroke and the outer side is the right hand stroke of the letter. Whether this is due to a defect in printing, or to a peculiarly made letter is problematical.

The second "A" of "PANAMA" does not appear on Nos. 95 and 100 of some sheets. This "A" was not in reality omitted but became broken and consequently did not print. A wide spacing between "N" and the second "A" of "PANAMA" also exists.

The surcharge is known shifted with the bar at the bottom, and stamps are known without the bar.

The "CANAL ZONE" surcharge is that of the third setting.

Reference list:

- 5c blue and deep carmine.
- a—"PAMANA" (54, 59).
- b—"N" of "PANAMA" double-lined (53, 58).
- c—"PAN MA" (95, 100); not on all sheets.
- d—Shifted surcharge, bar at bottom.
- e—No bar on stamp.

- f—"Z" broken (32).
- g—"E" broken (33).
- h—"L" broken (42).
- i—"N" broken (65).
- j—"ZONE" antique type (48).
- k—"N" and second "A" of "PANAMA" widely spaced.

Fifth Printing—There has come to our knowledge indisputable evidence that this value received the fourth setting of the "CANAL ZONE" surcharge. This evidence is in the form of a photograph of eighty-four stamps of a sheet, and it fortunately contains all of the stamps upon which the errors fall. It was furnished by Mr. R. S. Nelson of Birmingham, Alabama, who is the lucky owner. Before he discovered its extreme rarity he had removed sixteen of the stamps and disposed of them.

This sheet was purchased by Mr. Nelson from the postmaster at Paraiso, and reached him on April 16, 1906. So far as known this is a unique sheet. The printing of this value with this setting of the surcharge must have been a small one and it is probable that it was made to use up a few sheets which had remained on hand after some of the other printings.

The "PANAMA" surcharge contains no errors, but on the ninety-fifth stamp the second "A" is so badly broken that only the first stroke shows. As the one hundredth stamp has been removed from the sheet it cannot be stated whether or not the same break occurred upon that stamp also.

Reference list:

- 5c blue and bright carmine.
- a—"Z" broken (32).
- b—"E" broken (33).
- c—"L" broken (42).
- d—"N" broken (65).
- e—"ZONE" antique type.
- f—"CANAL" antique type.

Sixth Printing—On March 6, 1906, there were issued 50,000 of the sixth printing and on May 9, 1906, 100,000 more, making a total of 150,000.

The "PANAMA" surcharge is in a dull, dark shade in most instances, though copies are known in a bright carmine shade, so that it is probable that a mixing of more than one Panama printing occurred. The "PAMANA" error is found on numbers 54 and 59 of the sheet and the double-lined "N" occurs on numbers 53 and 58. The first named error was on part of the sheets issued May 9, 1906. A double surcharge is known in this printing and a shifted surcharge with the bar at the bottom.

The errors of the "CANAL ZONE" surcharge are those of the fifth setting. A double surcharge is also known.

Reference list:

- 5c blue and dark red.
- a—"PAMANA" (54, 59); on some sheets.
- b—"N" double-lined (53, 58).
- c—"PAMANA" double (20 copies known).
- d—"PANAMA" surcharge shifted, bar at bottom.
- e—No bar on stamp.
- f—"CANAL" antique type (26).
- g—"ZONE" antique type (48).
- h—"Z" antique type (32).
- i—"E" broken (33).
- j—"L" antique type (42).
- k—"N" antique type (65).

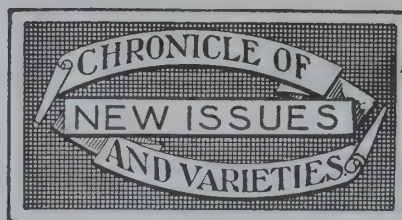
Seventh Printing—The seventh printing was issued on August 17, 1906, and consisted of 100,000 stamps. The Panama surcharge is in a lighter shade than that used for any other printing and most of the sheets are more or less blurred owing to the liberal use of ink. The "PAMANA" spelling, and the double-lined "N" are found in the same position of the sheet as in the two preceding printings. In this printing a new error is found which is a space of 4 mm. between the bar and "PANAMA" instead of 2½ mm. This occurs on the second horizontal row of the sheet. The "PANAMA" surcharge is also found inverted.

The "CANAL ZONE" surcharge is that of the sixth stage of the setting.

Reference list.

- 5c blue and carmine-vermilion.
- a—"PAMANA" (54, 59).
- b—"N" double-lined (53, 58).
- c—"PANAMA" 4 mm. below bar (11 to 20).
- d—"PAMANA" inverted, bar at bottom.
- e—"CANAL" antique type (26).
- f—"ZONE" antique type (48).
- g—"Z" antique type (32, 45).
- h—"E" broken (33).
- i—"Z" and "L" antique type (42).
- j—"N" antique type (65).

(To be continued.)



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—L. Morrissey writes: In a block of four U. S. current 2c postage stamps purchased a few days ago, the upper right hand specimen is so defectively printed that the design of the Washington face below the nose, (including the chin and lower jaw), is entirely destroyed and Washington appears with an almost perfect beard. The other stamps of the block show defects of a similar nature, but in lesser degree and in other locations.

Athol W. Cliff has shown us the current 3c stamp in a pronounced ultramarine shade. It is difficult to see how this could be either a faded copy or a chemical changeling, but one it certainly is.

ARGENTINE.—The London *Telegraph* says the Argentine postal administration has in active preparation a new set to mark the centenary of the country's independence. The Argentine Mint has already started on the printing of 90,000,000 of these new stamps, which are to be ready for issue on July 8, the eve of the anniversary. There are three designs in the new set. One portrays General San Martin, the portrait being taken from a bust in the reception-room at Government House. The second subject is an historical picture representing the taking of the oath of independence. The third group of stamps will bear a portrait of Francisco Narciso Laprida, President of Congress and deputy for the Province of San Juan.

CANADA.—We have received from G. Hemond the 5c war tax stamp in the familiar oblong rectangular shape, the color being a pale olive green.

DENMARK.—*Maury's Collectionneur* says that the 25 ore value of the current series is to be issued in blue instead of dark brown, when the old stock is exhausted.

BARBADOS.—As noted in No. 1324, a new series of stamps has been prepared for this Colony, the first value to be issued, the 1d, having been shown us by G. Hemond. As stated the design is of large size, 25x29 mm., and is a modification of the well-known Britannia in her chariot drawn by sea horses, but with King George seated instead of the Queen. The King is wearing the ermine robe and collar and the imperial crown. The nearer horse has his head turned backward. The vignette is in a large circle, with the motto of the Colony, "Et penitus toto regnantes orbe Britannos," around the upper part of the circle. "Barbados" is printed at the bottom between tablets containing the value. The corners are filled with conventional, and as there is no outside line, the design has an unfinished look, like the "Universal Postage" 1d of New Zealand or the United States 1c of 1902. The stamp is printed on white Multiple CA paper, and perforated 14. Mr. Hemond's correspondent in the Island says the 1d was the only one of the new series issued on that date, June 5.

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1d scarlet.

GUATEMALA.—Stuart Lupton supplements the note in No. 1325 with specimens of the new provisionals there mentioned, and also a third, the 2c of 1902 having been surcharged "Veinticinco—Centavos" in two lines of capitals. The 6c on 1c is spelled out thus, "Seis Centavos," while the 12½c on 1c has the new value in figures, the word "Cen-

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4	50c blue	1.75	.80
5	1c green	.75	.35
6	2c pink	1.50	.70
7	5c gray blue	1.25	.60
63	2p slate blue	10.00	3.80
75	1900, 5c blue	.15	.07
78	10c claret	.12	.06
79	15c dark violet	.12	.06
80	20c brown	.15	.07
15	Fiji '71, 1p blue	2.00	.90
20	12c on 6p rose	2.50	1.00
26	12c on 6p rose	12.50	5.90
34	2p on 3p green	2.50	1.00
38	'78, 4p on 3p lilac	1.25	.60
39	6p rose	2.50	1.10
40	1p ultramarine	.25	.12
41	2p on 3p green	.80	.25
42	2p green	.25	.12
43	4p on 2p lilac	1.25	.55
44	6p rose	.25	.12
45	1sh yellow brown	.40	.20
74	1sh green and carmine p. c.	.20	.10
87	1sh green	.40	.18
2	Finland 10k rose	6.00	3.00
4a	5k gray blue	6.00	2.50
7	8p green	.75	.40
8	10p yellow	2.50	1.25
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MEXICO.—S. B. Hopkins supplements last week's chronicle of the new 20c on 5c, with the information that the new provisional was issued June 1. This value was issued instead of a provisional 10c value, owing to the fact that the rate of postage is now 20 cents, instead of 10 cents. This stamp, as well as the 5c and 10c "G. P. de M." stamps on the "\$" surcharges, are sold to the old (depreciated) currency, but only in quantities sufficient to pay postage on letters actually presented for mailing (and mailed at once). Other "G. P. de M." surcharges were sold without limit for five days only, from June 1 to 5, in the new currency, but are now sold only for parcel post packages actually presented for mailing. Mr. Hopkins says the 10c Carranza commemorative stamp was also issued in brown, 200,000 stamps being printed in blue and 10,000 stamps in brown.

Hermann Focke writes: "I learn that the stamps with the new surcharge 'G P de M' are not sold to the public, with the exception of the 5c and 10c values, and that the Government is selling the other values to collectors or dealers at fancy prices. One report has it that the entire set, with many minor varieties, can be had for \$100. U. S. gold.

"In our mails I have received in addition to varieties already reported: 3c brown with blue surcharge reading down at right; 5c orange with surcharge 'G. C. M.' in monogram, and new surcharge in blue reading up at left, while the normal stamp has the latter surch. reading down at right; 10c blue and orange, with same monogram surcharge.

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"I have found a pair of the 5c with surcharge misplaced; i. e., over two stamps, reading down at right; showing the further peculiarity that the surcharge does not appear between the two stamps, but is broken. The reason for this seems to be the surcharging of part of a sheet, and a crease through the perforating line."

NEW ZEALAND.—Hermann Focke writes: "The report in the WEEKLY regarding present issue New Zealand stamps caused me to look over my stock of these and I find that the 'specialist' will have a great field to romp in."

The 1 1/2c black shows already 4 distinct varieties:

1. Engraved on the normal paper, wmk. "NZ" over crown.
2. The same on paper of the pictorial set, as stated—with wmk. shifted.
3. Lithographed, apparently first printing with heavy network.
4. The same with the network less pronounced.

"As to perforations I find that all values of the first engraved set measure 14x13 1/2 except the 3d brown which is perf. 14x14 1/2; the 1/2d second printing, also with surcharge War Stamp is perf. 14x15; the 1 1/2d engraved comes perf. 14x14 and also 14x14 comp. 14 1/2, whereas the 2 varieties of lithographed stamp are perf. 14x15; the new 2d orange is again perf. 14x13 1/2; the second issue of the 1/2d value may be distinguished by the almost solid background."

THE PHILATELIC TRAVELLER.

By M. E. BUEHLER.

Out on the farm lives Jamie
Where the movies are not known.
But he keeps in reach of the things they teach
And makes the world his own.

For at night when his work is over,
With his album on his knee,
He sails and tramps with his postage stamps
Over the earth and sea.

He ventures with Columbus
In his tiny caravel:
And his heart uplifts when the seaweed drifts
From shore on the strange sea's swell.

He seeks in southern forests
Where the brilliant quetzals go;
And over plains where the Indian reigns
Chases the buffalo.

He lifts the Cap of Freedom
In Chile and Colon;
And sees where flies in Chinese skies
The Dragon of the Sun.

So Jamie sits by the fireside
In a cosy armchair curled;
And with his stamps he sails and tramps
Over the wide, wide world.

—N. Y. Sun.

STAMP COLLECTING IN JAPAN.

A little over three years ago there was started in Tokio the first philatelic society in Japan. It is called the Yurakukai, or the Stamp Lovers' Society, and its journal the "Yuraku," takes its name from the British magazine, the *Stamp Lover*. From the latest number of this Japanese journal it appears that organized philately has been making rapid strides in the country. Last year the collectors in Nagoya formed the "Aiyukai," which is also to be translated "Stamp Lovers' Society," and in Kyoto the "Kyoto Yukenkai," or Kyoto Philatelic Society, has just been established. There is also a collectors' club in Osaka, which, although not strictly philatelic, includes a large proportion of stamp collectors. The spread of such organisations in Japan should help to clear that country of the counterfeiting which has been rampant for many years. —*London Telegraph*.

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BISECTED VERTICALLY

Without "Republica" Overprint.

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1r on half of 1t carmine, No. 261 .. .08
1 1/2r on half of 2 1/2r yel. brn., No. 264 .40
1 1/2r on half of 9r gray lilac, No. 265 .15
1 1/2r on half of 4t blue, No. 26618
2r on half of 2 1/2r yel. brn., No. 267 .15
2r on half of 4t blue, No. 26820
3r on half of 2 1/2r yel. brn., No. 269 .15
3r on half of 2t brown, No. 27012
6r on half of 4 1/2r light grn., No. 271 .08
6r on half of 9r gray lilac, No. 272 .12
6r on half of 9r dull violet, No. 273 .12
6r on half of 8t red violet, No. 274 .10

Overprinted "Republica" on Issue of 1911.

1r on half of 1r gray, No. 28308
1r on half of 2r orange, No. 283b .. .12
1r on half of 1t carmine, No. 284 .. .10
1r on half of 5t brown, No. 28505
6r on half of 9r gray lilac, No. 289 .08

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June 9, 1916.

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WALTER E. GOODWIN, Sec.

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

SIMPLIFIED SPECIALISM—NETHERLANDS—Part III.

The fourth issue of Netherlands appeared early in 1869. This issue was designed by J. Nusser, of Dusseldorf. Line engraved plates were made by Virey Brothers, of Paris, while the finished stamps were printed by J. Enschede and Sons, at Haarlem.

This set was printed on white unwatermarked paper, both thick and thin, and also on bluish paper. The thin paper varieties appeared in 1870-71. Three sizes of perforations were used, 13, 13½, and 14.

As in the previous issues, it is possible to find several shades of each of these stamps, though they are not as distinct as in the other issues. The 2c and 2½c offer the greatest variety of shades. The 1c black, 1½c, and 2½c stamps of this series are quite rare in fine condition, and should increase in value. The 1c black is the rarest, as it was only in use for a few months, when it was superseded by the 1c green, which appeared first in June, 1869. This is the first appearance of these low values in Netherlands.

In addition to the perforation varieties noted above, the set exists imperforate. Whether these imperforates were placed on sale or not, I am unable to say. They are rare, however, and the average collector will never get them, so why worry?

A new series of higher values was placed on sale in 1872. This set consisted of eight values, a 12½c and two gulden fifty cent stamp being added for the first time. This set bore a portrait of King William, and was designed by F. C. Ten Kate. The engraving was done by the Official Printing Works at Berlin, while the printing was done by J. Enschede and Sons at Haarlem, as heretofore.

There are several varieties of paper, of minor importance, to be found in this issue, and a flood of perforation varieties sufficient to delight the heart of the most rabid specialist. As in the previous set, imperforate copies are known, but the authenticity of these is questioned.

The colors of this series are inclined to be very quiet. There are no real brilliant shades, the tones being very subdued, excepting in the 2g50c which is inclined to be rather "noisy" in its coat of rose and ultramarine. Nevertheless, it is possible to find several very distinct shades of almost every variety, and these can be arranged into a very attractive set.

As this article is intended to be simplified and space is limited, no attempt to study the perforation varieties will be made. Any collector interested will find a very good list of these in Gibbons' catalogue, wherein much valuable information is appended regarding year of issue and also the various gauges used.

In 1876 a new series of low values, from which the 1½c was missing, made its appearance. This series is of rather plain design, consisting of the numeral of value on a white background in the center, with a very fine border made up of smaller figures of value. Both the engraving and printing was done by J. Enschede and Sons, at Haarlem.

These four values are to be had in quantity, and offer a very good field for the study of types, as there are quite a number of minor varieties of engraving to be found.

The principal variety is to be found on the half cent value. Two types of the fraction in the center are to be found. In the first, the fraction bar is rather thick and only 8 or 8½ millimeters long. In the second type, the bar is thinner and is 9 millimeters long.

In the 1c value, there are also two types to be found. Referring to the upper right hand corner numeral, there is a broken ornament in the frame under

the tablet of value. This variety occurs but once in each sheet.

Several kinds of paper were used in printing this series. The ordinary paper varies from yellowish to white, both thick and thin, while the set also exists on bluish paper and on laid paper.

As in the previous set, there are numerous varieties of perforation, and this set also is known imperforate, but the authenticity of the imperforates is questionable.

While the colors are inclined to be subdued, as in the other values current at this time, there are quite a decided range of shades to be had. At least two distinct shades of each value exist, and a collector with a good eye for color and a bit of imagination can easily find three or four, if not more.

Considering that these stamps catalogue only 5c and are quite common, according to the catalogue of major varieties, they present about as fine an opportunity for the amateur to specialize as can be desired. The collector who can gather a complete set of these four values in all perforations, on all papers, in all the various shades, will have a very interesting display, but he will find that there is considerable research work attached. However, as the stamps can be procured for a small sum, and are worthy of the study, it will be well worth his while if he is inclined to be studious. From the prices asked by certain of the "specialistic" dealers for these stamps in their various minor varieties, the writer is of the opinion that it will be quite profitable to hunt for some of these scarce ones. However, the market for these minor varieties is not strong, and sales are few and far between.

In 1888, three new values were added to the current set, in the design of the 1872 series, 7½c, 22½c, and 1 gulden were added for the first time. These three values were only in use for three years, while the other values in the series were used for nearly nineteen years, hence the difference in value. Also, these three values were not as frequently used as most of the others.

These new values are found in comparatively few varieties, since they were not in use long enough to necessitate many changes. They are known only perforated 12½x12. The 22½c stamp is quite rare, and is in strong demand. It is far scarcer than the 1 gulden.

On the 23rd day of November, 1890, William III passed to a higher Kingdom, after a reign of forty-one years of prosperity for his little kingdom. The three stamps issued in 1888 were therefore, the last to bear his portrait, with the exception of the three values (5c, 25c, and 5 gulden) of the Nassau-Orange series of 1913. Inasmuch as Prince William, who was the last male heir of the house of Orange, died in 1884, Wilhelmina, daughter of King William III and his second wife, Emma, Princess of Waldeck-Pyrmont, inherited the throne of the Netherlands. Since Wilhelmina was but ten years of age at the time, her mother ruled as Queen-regent. Wilhelmina was crowned Queen of the Netherlands, on September 6th, 1898.

A further article in this series will appear shortly, covering the stamps of the reign of Queen Wilhelmina.

THE NAURU STAMPS.

Following upon the announcement of the supply of English stamps overprinted for the former German colony of Nauru, in the Pacific, orders for large supplies were forwarded by wireless on behalf of stamp dealers. But as I indicated in my first reference to these stamps, the issue had been planned on an absurd basis, due to the prejudice of the Administrator against stamp collectors. From the first the Administrator

BRYANT POLLARD

PROCTORSVILLE, VERMONT

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CHAPTER X—(Continued).

This series provides a number of shade varieties, as is only natural in a set having such long currency, and their proper treatment is a matter involving some little perplexity. It was evidently the original intention of the printers to keep the colors of the small stamps as nearly like those of the large ones they superseded as possible, and while many shades match the colors of the earlier stamps to a nicety others show a divergence that at times almost approaches a "color change." As early as May, 1873, the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* noted a change in the shade of the 3c viz.:—

By the courtesy of a Montreal correspondent we are in possession of specimens of the current three cents, printed in bright orange-vermilion. A supply in this color has just been issued.

The *Philatelic Record* for March, 1888, says "The 10c is now in carmine-red", and again in May that "the 5 cents has changed its color from bronze-green to greenish grey." More than a year later (July, 1889) the same journal says "the 2 cents stamp is now blue-green;" in December, 1890, the 6c is recorded in "chestnut-brown"; while in April, 1892, the 5c is chronicled as having been issued in "grey-black."

Similar color changes in most values were recorded in other journals but as there is an almost total lack of agreement as regards the names chosen to designate the different shades these chronicles are of little value in determining the chronological order of issue of even the most striking of the tints. It is also more than probable that after a change had been made the original or earlier tints were reverted to later on. The catalogues are equally at variance in their choice of color names and while Gibbons' gives four shades for each of the 1c and 3c values, Scott gives but two for the 1c and of the four given for the 3c not one agrees with any of the names given by Gibbons'. The only point on which both catalogues agree is that a general change of colors took place during the period of 1888-90, i. e., after the printers had moved their establishment

from Montreal to Ottawa. But though the later printings of the 6c and 10c do, undoubtedly, differ very materially from the earlier colors—almost enough so, in fact, to be classed as distinct colors—such varieties seem to have been purely accidental and to classify them as separate issues hardly seems correct. In this connection it is interesting to quote Mr. Howes' remarks:—

That the above changes were hardly of a character to warrant dignifying them as a "new issue," which is frequently done, is shown by a moment's consideration. The 1/2c and 1c stamps showed no appreciable difference in coloring and therefore caused no comment. The 2 cent did not retain its blue green shade unaltered, and the 3 cent soon reverted to its former brilliant red hue, as the *Philatelic Journal of America* for May, 1889, says that "the carmine color recently adopted has been dropped, and the stamps are printed in colors similar to the ones in use before the change was made." The 5, 6, and 10 cent stamps, however, made permanent changes, but only such as might readily be traceable to a new mixing of the inks in the case of the first two. The 10 cent can hardly be so easily disposed of, as lake and brown-red are of quite different composition from a rose-lilac. But there can have been no official intention of altering the shades or colors or more definite and permanent changes would certainly have been made throughout the set. It remains, therefore, to classify them simply as shade varieties of the original set.

Mr. Donald A. King, in his article in the *Monthly Journal*, gives no less than eight varieties of paper for the stamps of this issue, though all resolve themselves into slight, and in many cases probably imperceptible, variations in quality and thickness of the usual "wove" paper. Mr. Howes gives a thick and thin wove and "a closely ribbed paper." This latter like the ribbed varieties in the earlier issues, is evidently due to nothing more than some eccentricity of printing and is, consequently, of doubtful philatelic importance. The classification of the series into thick and thin papers seems to have

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The perforation used for the stamps of this series was the usual 12—the work of single-line or guillotine machines. All values are reported to exist perforated 11½ by 12, as mentioned in connection with the issues of 1868, but this statement requires verification before it can be accepted as authoritative. All values are known entirely imperforate, the 3c in this condition being first recorded in the *Philatelic Record* for December, 1882. Writing in the *London Philatelist* in 1907 Mr. M. H. Horsley says with regard to these varieties:—"Imperforated copies of various values were sold over the Post-office counter in Montreal about the years 1891-3 at their face value, and have been good for postage whenever people cared to use them." Writing a little later on the same subject Mr. C. L. Pack also vouches for them, viz.:—"I quite agree with Mr. Horsley in regard to the various imperforate copies of the issues of 1882 to 1895. There are a good many specimens of these stamps imperforate, and they were on sale at a Canadian Post Office." Curiously enough Gibbons' catalogue entirely ignores these imperforate stamps though Mr. Howes is able to adduce documentary evidence in support of the statements made by philatelists of such undoubted authority as Messrs. Horsley and Pack.

Scott's catalogue records the ½c as existing in a horizontal pair imperforate between.

The same work records the 2c bisected diagonally or vertically and the halves used for 1c stamps, while Mr. Howes adds the 6c, cut vertically and used for 3c. But as the "Canadian Postal Guide" declares that "a mutilated stamp, or a stamp cut in half, is not recognised in payment of postage" such freaks can only have passed through the mails by carelessness or favor and their philatelic interest is negligible.

In 1875 an Act of Parliament was passed making the prepayment of letters by postage stamp obligatory and imposing a fine of double the deficiency on all insufficiently prepaid letters. At the same time local or drop letters (accepted for 1c) were restricted to ½ oz. in weight.

The Postmaster-General's Report for 1879 says:—

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It will thus be seen that this change did away with the chief use of the 12½c value and made it practically useless. Hence the reason it was never included among the series of small "cents" stamps.

In 1889 another Post Office Act in-

creased the limit of weight of single letters from ½ oz. to 1 oz., and at the same time increased the postal rate on local or drop letters from 1c to 2c, though a weight of 1 oz. was allowed under the new schedule. An official notice recording these changes was published as follows:—

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
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The rate of postage upon Letters posted in Canada, addressed to places within the Dominion or in the United States, will be 3 cents per ounce instead of 3 cents per half ounce as heretofore. Upon Drop Letters posted at an Office from which letters are delivered by Letter Carrier, the postage rate will be 2 cents per ounce, instead of 1 cent per half ounce. The rate of postage upon Drop Letters, except in the Cities where free delivery by Letter Carrier has been established, will be 1 cent per ounce.

The fee for the Registration of a letter or other article of mail matter, will be five cents upon all classes of correspondence passing within the Dominion. For the present and until further instructed, the registration fee may be prepaid by using the 2 cent Registration Stamps and Postage Stamps to make up the amount.

Letters insufficiently prepaid will be charged double the deficiency as heretofore, provided at least a partial payment has been made. Letters posted wholly unpaid will be sent to the Dead Letter Office for return to the writer.

JOHN G. HAGGART,
Postmaster-General.

Post Office Department,
OTTAWA, 8th May, 1889.

Reference List.
1870-82. Engraved and Printed by the British American Bank Note Co. of Montreal and Ottawa. Wove paper. Perf. 12.

26.	3c black, Scott's No. 40.
27.	1c orange, Scott's No. 32.
28.	2c green, Scott's No. 33 or 41.
29.	3c red, Scott's No. 34 or 42.
30.	5c grey, Scott's No. 38 or 43.
31.	6c brown, Scott's No. 35 or 44.
32.	10c magenta or brown red, Scott's No. 36 or 45.

CHAPTER XI.

The 20c and 50c Stamps of 1893.
The Postmaster-General's Report for 1892 states that "Postage stamps of the value of 20 cents and 50 cents are about to be issued. These will be useful in prepayment of parcel post." These high values were, of course, intended to be used in making up relatively large amounts of postage. They were not issued to be used in prepayment of any specific rates though a study of the postal rates of the period show that the postage on a parcel weighing up to one pound sent to the United Kingdom would require a 20c stamp, while a 2 lb. parcel sent to Japan would take the 50c denomination. The same rates show that the postage on 1 lb. parcels sent to Newfoundland was 15c, though no stamp of this value had been issued subsequent to the series of 1868 nor has one ever since been included in the regular series.

These new 20c and 50c labels were issued on February 17th, 1893, and while

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Block of four55
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alike in design, except as regards the denotation of value, they are quite dissimilar from any of the previously issued postage stamps of the Dominion



both as regards size and design. The portrait shows Queen Victoria in her widow's weeds and is similar to that shown on the Bill stamps which were first issued in 1868. Above the portrait CANADA POSTAGE is curved, and on straight labels at the foot is the value in words, while between this inscription and the lower part of the medallion are figures of value.

The stamps were, as usual, produced by the line-engraved process, and they were printed in sheets of 100 at the Ottawa establishment of the British American Bank Note Company. The manufacturer's imprint was shown twice on each sheet—in the centre of the upper and lower margins. This imprint consisted of the words "British American Bank Note Co. Ottawa," on a strip of solid color measuring 38 mm. in length and 2½ mm. in height. This colored strip has square ends and is enclosed within a pearled border.

Both values were printed on the wove paper used for the other denominations then current and the perforation was the usual 12 made by single-line machines.

Evidently these values were but sparingly used, for Mr. Howes tells us:—

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in 1893 25,000 more of the 20 cent and 30,000 more of the 50 cent were delivered, with a final 200 copies in 1896. These quantities were sufficient to last until the 20 cent was superseded by the newer type in 1901, and the 50 cent by the King's head stamp in 1908. Some 1500 of the 20 cent were returned for destruction and about 10,000 of the 50 cent.

It seems hardly possible that but 200 copies of each were supplied in 1896—i. e. two sheets of each value—if they were the normal perforated stamps. Possibly this small supply consisted of the imperforates—both values being known in this condition—and if so they may have been printed to fill a special requisition. The imperforate 20c is on the normal shade but the 50c is, as Mr. Howes observes, in a "peculiar black blue" shade. There are no marked varieties in shade as can easily be understood from the few printings which took place.

Reference List.

- 1893. Engraved and Printed by the British American Bank Note Co. of Ottawa. Wove paper. Perf. 12.
- 23. 20c vermilion, Scott's No. 46.
- 34. 50c deep blue, Scott's No. 47.

CHAPTER XII.

The 8c Stamp of 1893.

Until 1889 the registration fee had to be prepaid by means of the special stamps issued for the purpose. When, in 1889, a uniform registration fee of 5c was adopted the public were given permission to use the ordinary postage stamps in making up the difference between the old rate of 2c and the new one. This was done largely to enable the old 2c labels to be used up. In 1893 it was decided to discontinue the use of special registration stamps altogether and to permit the payment of the registry fee by means of the regular postage stamps. As the rate of domestic postage was 3c at that time and the registration fee was 5c, a new stamp, by means of which both postage and registration could be paid together, it was decided, would be useful. Consequently an 8c



denomination was issued, this being recorded in the *Philatelic Record* for October, 1893, though, judging from the following extract from the *WEEKLY* for August 10th, 1893, it would appear that the new value was in general circulation at least as early as August 1st:—

The following orders were posted up in all Canadian postoffices on August 1st:

A new postage stamp of the value of 8c is now being put into circulation. This stamp will be available for the prepayment either of registration fee and postage combined, or of postage only. The 5c registration stamp, when the present supply is exhausted, will be withdrawn.

The new denomination, as stated in the *Philatelic Record*, "resembles in design the 3 cents of the current series; but the head of the Queen has been turned the other way, and is now to the left."

This stamp was of similar size to the other values of the set then current (excepting the 20c and 50c, of course) and it was printed from steel plates in

sheets of 200 arranged in ten horizontal rows of twenty stamps each. According to Mr. Howes, there were no marginal imprints of any kind. This denomination was printed on wove paper and perforated 12 like the others. The variety with gauge of 11½x12 is reported in connection with this value but, like the similar varieties of the earlier issues which we have already mentioned, the statement requires verification before it can be definitely accepted.

The 8c is known entirely imperforate in the blue-grey shade, which was one of the earliest if not the first shade for this stamp. The *Philatelic Record* calls it "slate-grey" but evidently the tint now generally classified as "blue-grey" was meant.

This stamp provides a large number of very distinct shade varieties. Just 13 months after it was first chronicled the *Philatelic Record* says:—"Whether by accident or intention does not appear to be quite clear, but copies of the present 8 cents are found in much darker color than we have hitherto seen. Messrs. A. Smith & Son have shown us copies that are slate-black of the darkest kind."

A writer in the *Canada Stamp Sheet* for October, 1900, says:—

There are three varieties of this stamp, the slate, the lilac-grey and the purple. The first and second tints are comparatively common, but the purple is not found in every dealer's stock nor has it a place in many stamp collections. In fact, it is a variety but little known to the average collector, from the fact that it is seldom offered, either on approval sheets or on the counter of the dealer. There ought to be no difficulty in distinguishing this stamp from its mates of the same denomination, for while the backs of the rest present a white surface, in this case the back or paper is of a decidedly purplish hue. In my opinion this stamp is a good one to pick up now, as its present value is far below its intrinsic worth.

Later still, a German paper referred to three main printings for this stamp a translation of the article appearing in *Gibbons Stamp Weekly* for June 13th, 1908, as follows:—

The last stamp issued showing a portrait of the late Queen Victoria as a young girl was the 8 cents, Canada, issued in July, 1893. The stamp was intended for a combined postage and registration stamp; 3c for postage (inland) 5c registration fee.

There were three distinct printings of this stamp; they may be easily distinguished from each other by differences of shade.

July, 1893, blue-grey.

October, 1895, slate-grey.

? 1897, purple-black.

The total number issued of these stamps was 5,885,000, but unfortunately there are no records of the quantities of each of the three printings.

It will be noticed that there is no 8 cents in the King Edward VII issue, for the simple reason that the inland rate had been reduced to 2 cents; therefore the present combined postage and registration stamp is a 7 cents.

The above extract, it will be noted, is very explicit as regards the actual number issued as well as the dates of issue of the three most distinctive shades. On what authority these statements are based we cannot say, but Mr. Howes shows from official records that many more than the quantity stated were printed, viz.:—

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of 100,000, as recorded in the stamp accounts for 1893. As these accounts were made up to 30th June, and there is no record of any "issue to post-masters," the stamps were doubtless delivered just before the accounts were closed, so that opportunity had not been given to distribute the new value. For the next few fiscal years the amount received from the manufacturers averaged over a million and a half annually, so that by the time it was superseded it had been printed to the number of at least 7½ millions.

Reference List.

- 1893. Engraved and Printed by the British American Bank Note Co. Ottawa. Wove Paper. Perf. 12.
- 35. 8c grey, Scott's No. 48, 48a, 49 or 49a.

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EDITORIAL.

Gone—The firm of Edward Michael, Chicago, has ceased to be, and no longer will it appear in the advertising columns of the stamp papers. After struggling for some months with financial problems that finally became too intricate for solution, Edward Michael was forced to cry quits and capitulate. In his efforts to defer the day of reckoning, Edward Michael resorted to hazardous extremes; and his many friends did much on occasion to relieve the acuteness of his position. Indeed, it was their belief that with a fair show of good fortune, Edward Michael would weather the financial storms that beset him but all their good words and works came to naught and a failure has resulted that is so jumbled and so complete as to leave the one unacquainted with the effects of business despair almost aghast at the ruin. We should say that the disaster was due to overhead expenses that were unjustifiably high. For instance, Edward Michael's ground floor stand at a high rental was too much of a burden for the business; and since May 1, 1916, not alone was he charged with the rent of the abandoned store (so long as it remained unoccupied) but also that of his new office to which he moved in order to reduce expenses. Just before he closed up, Edward Michael told us that he was making up a statement of his business and wanted to list his creditors; this was ominous, and a day or two later, the collapse came. We understand that practically no stock is on hand while the liabilities are large. Further, we have not been able to get in touch with Edward Michael in order to get particulars from his own lips. Suffice it to say, one of those rare occurrences has come to pass—the failure of a coin and stamp dealer; and even so, Edward Michael was more of a coin man than philatelist and was not by instinct or cultivation a thorough stamp man. We may add that personally, Edward Michael was immensely popular with many of his customers and the loyalty of his followers is something to marvel at, in the light of developments. If, by any chance, Mr. Michael could re-establish himself in business, no doubt the trying experiences he has had would make his course a cautious one but this contingency is so remote as to be practically negligible, we are told. It should be said here that the business

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of Edward Michael had no connection whatever with that of Fred Michael, who has been advertising with us for nearly twenty years.

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Few—A failure of a stamp firm of any real substance is almost unheard of and instances of the kind are so infrequent as to never enter into our calculations. It is true that the personnel of the stamp business is one that changes somewhat rapidly, but failure accounts for little if any of the shifting tide, in the sense that the word is understood in business circles. Of course, the boy dealer is excepted from any general observation of the kind. Just at this moment, the only failure that we can remember as taking place during the last ten years or so, was the Makins' failure in San Francisco, and when the inside history of this fall is known, it was only the expected that happened. However, it is not our purpose to preach at any length on this subject; it is sufficient to say that the stamp business is truly a sustaining one when it is followed with understanding and an idea of proportion.

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Military—The very latest communication from the Pershing forces in Mexico is a postal card with the usual Columbus, N. M., postmark and the written inscription in the upper left-hand corner, "Censored,—Capt. M. C., U. S. Army."

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Different—From Mr. Sumner Gary of Grand Rapids, Michigan, we have received the report of his discovery of a variety in the current watermark in United States issues; and he shows us the variation on the one-cent, plate A 5855. Mr. Gary reports the appearance of this watermark variety on the one and two cent, imperforate, and the 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8 cent ordinary. The difference is not imaginary but is apparent at a casual glance and surely is the result of another dandy-roll in the case of the S. of U. S. P. S. In the variety, the opening in the upper part of the S is much wider than in the usual S; and there are other differences as well.

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Drastic—According to a circular distributed from Paris and dated the last of May, the importation of stamps into France for sale to collectors, has been prohibited by the government and as a consequence, the French dealers are endeavoring to have this burdensome and seemingly unnecessary restriction repealed.

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Monopoly—A clipping from the Sacramento Union, California, has been sent to us by Mr. J. A. Garrison of that city, which reads: "Mexican postal rates are to be doubled June 1 and to be paid in the old currency, according to an announcement made today by Andres C. Garcia, Mexican consul, upon receipt of a dispatch from Mexico City. Supplementing this order, according to the announcement, is one providing that stamps shall be sold only for actual use, it being pointed out that numbers of persons have been speculating by buying large quantities of stamps and hoarding them pending the full retirement of the provisional paper." From these few words we gather that the postmaster-general, Cosme Hionjosa, does not intend to share his monopoly even with the pikers in the speculative division. It is a good plan to make hay while the political sun is shining to say nothing of the philatelic "orb of day."

Anvil—The statement that the "anvil" issue of Sonora in all its values was legitimately in circulation in Sonora and elsewhere in Mexico which appeared in our issue of May 27th, 1916, on the authority of Mr. F. E. Stevens, Nogales, Arizona, has brought forth several protests. There is no controversy over the 5 and 10 centavos, but it is contended that the one, two and twenty centavos stamps were not accredited stamps. Mr. George W. Linn, Columbus, Ohio, whose recent book on the stamps of Sonora stamps him as their foremost historian, has favored us with some interesting particulars to prove that the three denominations in question cannot be regarded as full-fledged stamps but must be considered essays or unissued stamps. Mr. Linn, speaking of the claims made for the 1, 2 and 20 centavos, says: "The fact that many copies are seen canceled on cover and that they may have gone through the mails is no proof of postal validity. In the chaotic condition in Sonora at the time it would have been entirely possible to have placed the stamps on them and had them go through the mails. This would prove nothing, as the so-called Madero issue has been used from Mexico on letters, and would, therefore, have as good standing as these." We do not hesitate to say that Mr. Linn has proved to our satisfaction that the anvil issue other than the 5 and 10 centavos is very "doubtful" in a philatelic sense.

CURRENT U. S. TO BE CHANGED.

(We have stated that unwatermarked paper and a new perforation 11 was soon to be used on U. S. stamps and these statements are now confirmed by the following clipping from the "Philatelic Gazette."—Ed.)

The present contract between the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the paper mills expires on June 30th. On July 1st a new contract goes into effect, under the terms of which all paper furnished for the printing of postage stamps will be without watermark, and the stamps printed from July on will be upon this paper.

On December 27, 1915, the Third Assistant Postmaster General officially ordered the adoption of the 11 perforation for postage stamps. Owing to the rush of war orders in machine shops, the requisite number of new wheels for the perforating machines have but just been furnished the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Director Ralph has informed me that he will delay the changing of the wheels until July, to correspond with the change of paper, so that July will mark the beginning of the manufacture of the current series of postage stamps upon paper without watermark and perforated 11. It is not likely, however, that any of these stamps will be issued to post offices for sale before September or October.

A. P. S. CONVENTION.

The arrangements are being perfected for the annual convention of the A. P. S., to be held in Boston commencing August 22, and there is every indication that a fine program will be presented.

A committee of arrangements has been appointed by the B. P. S. and another by the A. P. S. Official headquarters have not yet been selected, but the matter will be settled in a few days and a hotel in the heart of the city will be named.

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 panies the remittance. We shall be very
 glad to give the party who sent this
 letter credit if his identity can be re-
 vealed to us.

—Bryant Pollard sends us a cover
 that has had an interesting experience.
 It was mailed from Boston August 27,
 1915, and reached its destination, Pro-
 cterville, Vt., June 15, 1916, being nearly
 ten months en route. The delay is
 explained, however, by a label attached
 by the Gardner, Mass., postmaster,
 reading:—"This piece of mail was found
 in a rifled mail pouch near Gardner,
 Mass., June 10, 1916. Evidently it had
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 subscriber to the WEEKLY, was lost on
 the Queen Mary which went down in the
 great naval fight between the British
 and German fleets.

—Two of our advertisers have an-
 swered the call to mobilize, Roger
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 dealers only. It is worth sending for.

NOTES ON MEXICAN ISSUES.

The Carranza Commemorative stamp
 was issued in two colors, brown and
 blue—there were placed on sale in Mex.
 City, June 1st, 190,000 in blue and 10,-
 000 in brown—60,000 additional were
 printed in blue and 40,000 in brown for
 the Postmaster-General. Of those
 placed on sale 108,078 in blue and all
 10,000 in brown were used (none were
 sold except for immediate use on letters
 handed in for mailing), leaving 81,922
 official remainders. These have since
 been offered for sale to the highest bid-
 der, but the private remainders have not
 been offered yet, at least not in Mexico
 City.

It is reported that the new 20 centavos
 Mex. surcharge (first issued on 5c 1910,
 later on other varieties) is in an ink
 that will wash off in water—have you
 tried it yet?

It is stated that the complete list of
 G. P. de M. surcharges on Mex. stamps
 will comprise 31 varieties, if we include
 those scarcer ones made for private sale
 as well as those issued to the public in
 the regular way.

THE CHARM OF STAMP COLLECTING.

By VICTOR E. CARPENTER.

To me the collecting of the world's
 postage stamps has always held a pecu-
 liar charm. Although I am able to de-
 vote but a little time each week to this
 hobby I surely do put in that small
 period to the advantage of both my
 stamp knowledge and the size of my col-
 lection.

Of all the hobbies, stamp collecting
 seems to me to be the most entertaining
 and at the same time the most educa-
 tional. Coins are heavy, bulky, and often
 far from pretty; shells are large; but-
 terflies and moths get worm and moth
 eaten; stuffed birds get dirty and dusty
 and take up a large amount of room;
 and so on down through the list of
 pistols and bills and shells and teeth
 and what not.

With stamps it is different; they take
 up a surprisingly small amount of room;
 they are clean and easy to handle and
 most of them are pretty.

Some of the most pleasant times I
 have spent in the pursuit of my hobby
 were when I had purchased a packet or
 two of good stamps and sat down to
 sort them over. This one has never been
 used and the gum is perfect; see this
 yellowish one—beautiful to be sure, but
 ruined indeed if a drop of water touches
 it; look what an odd color this is; why,
 did you ever see such a small stamp
 before?

Now they are sorted and the best are
 mounted one by one in my album (of
 course you have a nice album) and the
 rest are put away to trade perhaps with
 some friend who also has the habit or
 maybe to sell to some beginner.

And when, at last you find that, by
 perseverance and perhaps the expendi-
 ture of some cash, you have completed
 a set of Egypt or Chile are you not
 really delighted and glad? I know you
 are for I am and I know that all stamp
 collectors must be about the same.

And then, perhaps, you get a rare
 stamp that you prize above all the rest
 and then ink gets spilled over it or the
 kiddies get it and chew it up, even if it
 be a four fifty copy; but this is all inci-
 dental.

And then, maybe, you specialize. One
 young man only collects picture stamps
 and he is proud of his collection of
 Newfoundlands, his Labuans and his
 Argentinas; another boy collects only
 map stamps; another only stamps with
 rulers heads; and then there are those
 who collect merely with the idea of
 getting as many stamps as possible, it

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1900 6h brown, unused, No. 1502
 1900 10h red, unused, No. 1604
 1900 25h blue, unused, No. 1806
 1900 50h lilac, unused, No. 2108
 1900 1k rose, unused, No. 2210
 1900 2k ultramarine, unused, No. 23... .25
 1900 5k green, unused, No. 2450
 1901 20h pink, unused, No. 2504
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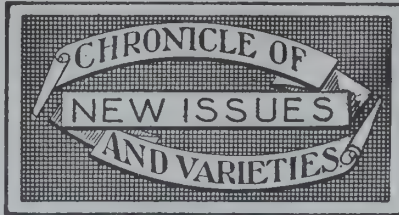
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of current British postage stamps over-
printed "Levant." They were issued
on March 3rd, 1916, and were on
sale at the Field Post Offices in or near
Salonika until March 9th, when they
were withdrawn by order of the Mil-
itary Authorities to avoid giving pos-
sible umbrage to the Greeks, who might
object to special stamps being issued in
their territory. The stamps were not
sold at the British Consulate at Salonika,
as there was no intention to revive the
Consular Post Office which used to
exist in that City, therefore used stamps
are found only with the postmarks of
the various Field Post Offices. The
overprinting was done at the Army
Printing Office at Salonika, and our
correspondent at that place sends us the
following information as to the numbers
and values of overprinted stamps issued,
sold and withdrawn, the figures having
been supplied by the Army Post Office,
on March 29th, after all unsold stamps
had been called in and withdrawn:—

	No. Overprinted.	No. Sold	No. With- drawn.
1d green,	3000	1352	1648
1d red	2880	1446	1434
2d orange,	480	480	—
3d violet,	720	620	100
4d slate,	480	480	—
6d purple,	1440	840	600
9d sepia,	360	360	—
1s bistre,	360	360	—

GUATEMALA.—E. W. Fuss, H. Chi-
traro and the C. E. Hussman Stamp Co.
have shown us specimens of the new
provisional reported last week. Mr.
Fuss sends all three, and states that the
official decree authorized the surcharging
of 500,000 each of the 6c on 1c and
12c on 1c, and 1,000,000 of the 25c on
2c, pending the receipt of further sup-
plies from London. Mr. Fuss thinks
the stage directions should read, "Exit
Nicaragua; enter Guatemala"—as a
maker of philatelic surcharges.

MEXICO.—Hermann Focke sends us
another provisional just received on the
mail from Mexico City. The 1c value
of the 1910 set has been surcharged with
new value in blue in the same design as
the 20c on 5c, noted in No. 1329, except
that "10" is submitted for "20".

Provisional Adhesive.

10c on 1c dull violet; surcharge blue.
Donald F. Martin has also shown us
the 20c on 5c noted in No. 1329.

NEW ZEALAND.—*Whitfield King's List*
says that owing to a shortage of the
proper watermarked paper, a small
quantity of the 1 1/2d engraved stamps
(now obsolete), were printed on the
paper which was specially made for the
large pictorial stamps, consequently
when used for these smaller stamps the
watermark does not fall on each stamp,
and several rows in the sheet are with-
out watermark. To show this peculiar-
ity they should be taken in blocks of
six.

REUNION.—The New England Stamp
Co. has shown us a new printing of the
Red Cross stamp, the fourth in point or
time. This last printing was evidently
done in Paris, being in the usual type of
those printed at the Government Print-
ing Office.

MEXICO, REBEL ISSUES 1913-1916

We offer a specialized collection of Mexico Revolutionary issues, 1913-14-15-16, mounted
in blank album comprising nearly all the issues up to date. This collection includes some
errors and oddities and unlisted varieties. There are between 225 and 250 singles, strips, pairs
and blocks. Our catalog does not price many of these stamps, but basing the catalog valua-
tion on Scott's and Yvert & Tellier's catalog, the catalog value including the Errors and
oddities ought to be between \$350.00 & \$400.00. We offer this collection at the very nominal
price of \$47.50 net cash. If you were to buy these stamps singly, you would pay more
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ing First, Second and Third Issue Sonora, early large G. C. M., Surcharges, various colors,
scarce Juarez Local Issue, including many errors, Minor Varieties and oddities, Local Issues
of Chihuahua, Ejercito, Transitorio, Monterey First and Second Issues, Torreon, several issues
scarce Aguascalientes and Salamanca Issue, Coach Seal and Anvil Issues, in Tete Beche Blocks,
Carranza and Villa G. C. M., Madero Issue, Postage Dues, etc., etc. Also a number of
Original Covers and part covers.

This collection consists of about 300 stamps, some in pairs, Blocks and Strips, used and
unused, but unused predominate. This collection contains quite a number of oddities, Errors
of Surcharge, Doubles, Inverts, etc.

It is rather difficult to place a catalogue valuation on this lot of stamps, as the catalog
does not even price most of the Surcharges and Provisionals which are listed, but by using
Yvert & Tellier's 1916 catalog as a basis, the catalogue value of this lot would be in the
neighborhood of between \$500 and \$600. It is a very interesting collection and some of the
issues like the Juarez and some of the early G. C. M., have practically disappeared from the
market.

Our price for this collection is \$87.50 NET CASH. Money refunded if not satisfactory,
or not as represented. If purchased singly, this lot of Mexican Revolutionary issues would
cost you not less than \$150.00 to \$175.00 Net. Will send on approval to A. P. S. members or
any responsible collector or dealer. Please send reference if you have no account with us.

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1000 all different from all parts of the world, splendid bargain	\$2.38
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2600 OLIVE STREET, ST. LOUIS, MO.

ST. KITTS-NEVIS.—The Rev. L. Meis-
ter reports the 6d and 1sh value of the
current set in new colors.

Adhesives.

6d red violet.
1sh yellow and dark green.

SAMOA.—J. A. Galbraith has shown
us the New Zealand 1sh King George
stamp overprinted "Samoa" in small but
heavy Gothic capitals, in dark blue.

Adhesive.

1sh vermilion; surcharge blue.

TURKEY.—The *Inland Printer* says the
last (1914) issue of Turkish postage
stamps being exhausted, and a second
edition not procurable because the first
had been printed in England, the Gov-
ernment is now using up various older
issues, validating them by surprinting,
using for the design a crescent under-
neath a star, and within the crescent the
figures 1331, which are the Turkish
equivalent of the year A. D. 1915. Over
seventy-five varieties of old stamps will
be thus used up, and prove interesting
to philatelists. A new issue is now be-
ing prepared, which will be printed in
Vienna.

THE LATEST NEW ZEALAND.

All stamp-collectors should be careful
to note at the present time the 1 1/2d King
George stamp of New Zealand. The use
of this denomination has increased enor-
mously owing to the war tax on letters
originating in the Dominion, a single
1 1/2d stamp serving to pay the penny
postage, together with the halfpenny
war tax. Owing to the greatly increased
demand for this stamp, arrangements
were made to substitute a surface-
printed (typographed) stamp for the
recess-plate printed stamp of the origi-
nal issue, surface-printing allowing of
more rapid production. Before the new
plates could be prepared, a new printing
was necessary from the plates engraved
in recess, and the stamp was printed on
a small stock of paper which was left

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A. NISSEN, CORRIENTES 762 [tf*]
Buenos Aires, Argentine

over from the old large pictorial stamp
issue. This temporary issue was speed-
ily superseded by a surface-printed
stamp, similar in design to the engraved
stamp, but very much cruder in appear-
ance. The portrait of the King is ex-
tremely poor and unsatisfactory, and it
is clearly a local production, and not
the stamp from the surface-printing die
and plates ordered from London. So
the first surface-printed 1 1/2d stamp in the
King George series is likely to be in
use for a short time only, until the stamp-
printing department at Wellington can
receive the plates which have been or-
dered from Messrs. Perkins, Bacon, and
Co. (Ltd.), the firm which produced the
original dies and plates for the King
George stamps of New Zealand.

The 1 1/2d engraved stamp on the old
paper may prove to be rather scarce, and
in any case it will be worth while watch-
ing which of the several recent varieties
of 1 1/2d stamps are overprinted for the
various dependencies, viz., Samoa, Aitu-
taki, Niue, and Penrhyn Islands. The
mail this week has brought the first of
the King George stamps, the 1s, over-
printed for use in the former German
colony of Samoa.—Melville in *London*
Telegraph.

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6 var. Canada Coil stamps in pairs, .70 Mrs. Oughtred, 28 Lincoln Av., Montreal, Que.*

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Canada, K.G. 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 20, 50c set 1 & 1c on 2, .12 Br. Honduras 2c "moire" overprint, mint, .05 Japan Coronation 1 1/2 & 3 sen, used, .05 Afghanistan No. 205, used, .12 Post. extra. A.F. Simionescu, Hackensack, N.J.

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June 20, 1916.

The 360th (regular) meeting of the Society was called to order at 8.15 this evening with Pres. Carpenter presiding. The usual business was transacted. The Library Committee reported 22 books still missing and requested that all books be placed upon the desk in the room when returned instead of attempting to put them in the cases, as the cases have been re-arranged, and also that the committee may know that they have been brought back instead of finding them by chance as has been the case in the past. Mr. Howard S. Wheeler was re-elected to membership as No. 616. The applications of Mr. John S. Kelleher, Mr. Owen Bent and Mr. Wilmerton M. Duffield were posted, and will be voted on at a special meeting to be held on the third Tuesday in July. As this is a special meeting any business to be transacted will have to be given ahead of time to the Secretary in order that he may incorporate it in his notice of same. The competition brought out 8 entries. The countries exhibited were Finland, Indo-China, Bulgaria, Bavaria, Netherlands, German Empire, Uruguay and Canal Zone. The first prize was won by Mr. Oscar Hill's Finland, second by Mr. Charles B. Moore's Indo-China and third by Mr. C. A. Howes' Bulgaria. There was an attendance of 28 which is very good for this time of the year.

FREDERIC W. STILES, Sec.

United States Revenue Society.

Organized January 5th, 1907.

WILLIAM C. STONE, Pres.; W. S. ALDRICH, 1st Vice Pres.; J. DELANO BARTLETT, 2d Vice Pres.; WALTER E. GOODWIN, Secretary, Dover, N. H.; H. S. ACKERMAN, Treasurer.

June 23, 1916.

Fellow Members:

Lots of things to call your attention to at this time, and I trust that you will all read the following carefully so that there will be no misunderstandings. If there are any points not understood, please write me and I will try and explain.

CALL FOR CONVENTION.

The following call has been issued for the tenth annual Convention of The United States Revenue Society:

To the Members of the U. S. R. S.: The Tenth Annual Convention of the United States Revenue Society will convene at Boston, Mass., August 23rd, 1916.

I hereby appoint the following members to serve as Committee of Arrangements for the Annual Meeting: W. O. Wylie, A. W. Batchelder, I. C. Greene. The following members are requested to serve as Committee on Credentials: John W. Prevost, H. H. Elliott, W. C. Polk.

WILLIAM C. STONE, Pres.

Nominations.

The following nominations have been made:

President, William C. Stone of Springfield, Mass.

1st Vice President, W. S. Aldrich of St. Joseph, Mo.

2nd Vice President, J. Delano Bartlett of Paris, Texas.

Secretary, Walter E. Goodwin of Dover, N. H.

Treasurer, H. S. Ackerman of Indianapolis, Ind.; Clarence V. Webb of Perry, Ohio.

Applications.

J. R. Smith, 31 Dudley St., Medford, Mass.; age, legal; occupation, bookkeeper; references, any dealer in Boston. Proposed by Wm. C. Polk.

J. Ray Cordell, Dallas, Texas; age, 30; occupation, railroad brakeman; ref-

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Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co., Branch Office, Beverly, Mass.

ences, Walter E. Goodwin, S. P. A., No. 916. Proposed by Walter E. Goodwin.

Membership Summary.

Membership, June 23, 1916, 97 WALTER E. GOODWIN, Sec.

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REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING JUNE 12, 1916.

Applications for Membership.

E. P. Anthony, 3007 Wade Ave., Cleveland, O.; age, 20; stock clerk. Proposed by Robt. Weber.

Edwin B. Brown, 55 Chambers St., New Haven, Conn.; age 37; accountant. Proposed by Robt. Weber.

Albert D. Kraus, 340 Dodge St., Buffalo, N. Y.; age 46; letter carrier. Proposed by L. C. Metcalf.

Fred Kreuger, Box 166, Dozey, N. Dak.; age 48; auditor. Proposed by Dr. W. I. Mitchell.

Hezekiah Shailer, Federal St., Beverly, Mass.; age 51; machinist. Proposed by W. C. Malone.

Carl E. W. Welcome, 29 Lindey Ave., Westfield, Mass.; age 33; paymaster. Proposed by Robt. Weber.

Resignation.

No. 89. G. A. Brucker, 2618 So. 4th St., Louisville, Ky.

New Members.

No. 122, Charles S. Hibbard, 69 Genesee St., Utica, N. Y.

No. 123, Clyde A. King, 614 W. 6th St., Coffeyville, Kans.

No. 124, O. R. Bertram, 2300 East Ave., Austin, Tex.

Financial Report.

Amt. on hand as per last report, \$28.72 Receipts from applicants, 3.00 Dues, 16.50

Total, \$48.22

Expense.

Printing Applic. Blanks (500), \$4.50 Printing Reports of Election, 1.25 Printing Membership Cards (200), 1.50 Envelopes (500), 1.65 Letter Heads (250), 1.00

Postage, 2.29 Expressage, .32 Printing of Report, 2.00

Total, \$44.51 Balance on hand, \$3.71

All members in arrears not sending in their dues at once will be dropped from the membership list.

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These three islands of the Virgin group, St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John, were discovered by Columbus in 1493. Spanish, British, French, Dutch and Danish flags have floated over one or all of the islands at various times.

St. Croix, the largest island in the Danish West Indies, is 65 miles south-east of Porto Rico. The island is 22 miles long and 1 to 6 miles in breadth with an area of 84 square miles. It was discovered by Columbus in 1493 and was owned in turn by the Dutch, British and Spanish. In 1651 it was taken by France and two years later was given to the Knights of Malta by Louis XIV. In 1733 it was purchased by Denmark. The capital, Christianstad, is situated at the head of an inlet on the North coast; it is a picturesque town and the seat of the government during half of the year.

St. Thomas, which lies only 40 miles east of Porto Rico, was at one time the chief distributing center of West Indian trade. Its capital is Charlotte Amalie, the seat of government for the adjacent Danish islands. The governor resides here one-half of the year. The island is 13 miles long, varies in width from one to four miles, and has an area of 33 square miles. The temporary occupation of the island by the British during several periods of the Napoleonic wars added to the importance of the chief port, Charlotte Amalie, which lies in the center of the South coast at the head of one of the finest harbors in the West Indies. With a depth of from 27 to 36 feet of water, the roadstead accommodates the largest merchant vessels which sail these seas.

The island of St. John is eight miles long and four miles wide in the broadest part. The island consists of a mass of rugged and uneven hills, the highest of which attains an elevation of 1,000 feet. It is considered to be the best watered of the Virgin group, but although possessed of great natural advantages, it enjoys little or no commercial prosperity.

About 49 years ago the American Government offered seven and a half million dollars for the Danish West Indies, but the Senate failed to ratify the treaty. Fourteen years ago negotiations were renewed and a price of five million dollars was agreed upon, but this time the Danish Parliament refused to sanction the sale, although the islands had been governed at a loss to Denmark ever since slavery was abolished in 1848, by which the sugar industry was killed.

On the 25th of October, 1867, a "Royal Proclamation to the Inhabitants of St. Thomas and St. John" was issued by the King of Denmark, in which he states, "We have resolved to cede Our Island of St. Thomas and St. John to the United States of America and We have to that end, with the reservation of the constitutional consent of Our Rigsdag, concluded a convention with the President of the United States." He

also states the provisions made for the peoples' liberty and protection of property and private rights; he also expresses sincere sorrow at the severing of those ties which united his loyal subjects to him and commends them to God. On May 7th, 1870, a proclamation says: "The American Senate has not shown itself willing to maintain the Treaty made, although the initiative for it proceeded from the United States themselves."

It is claimed that in 1835 the authorities at St. Thomas received from the home government a lot of the 3c stamps, and while in transit the damp atmosphere of the ocean voyage caused the stamps to adhere to each other. They had to be regummed and part of them was sent to one firm and part to another; two qualities of gum were thus used and climatic conditions made quite a change in the cheaper gum. To prevent forgeries, the paper used for the 3c stamps of 1855 to 1872 was chemically overprinted with wavy lines before receiving the stamp impressions. The overprint is yellowish brown in color and is called "Burelage"; this and the gum gave a yellowish tint to the paper. The "Burelage" does not always appear and in the case of some stamps is developed only by the use of chemicals or heat.

On the 10c postage stamps of the 1873-96 issues and including the provisionals of 1902, there appears a dot between the "T" and "S" in "CENTS." In a sheet of 100 stamps, this variety occurs on eight stamps, Nos. 11, 25, 30, 61, 70, 82, 92 and 94 in the sheet. In the provisionals of 1902 there is a variety with a straight tail to the numeral two which occurs eight times in a sheet of 100 stamps, the positions on the sheet being Nos. 13, 16, 18, 58, 66, 71, 84 and 93.

It is now reported that the United States and Denmark are again trying to agree on terms for the purchase of the Islands.—N. E. Stamp Monthly.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

By ALBERT E. GORHAM.

The following members of Washington philatelic societies have been ordered "to arms" in reference to the Mexican situation, and have obeyed the call:—Maj. Francis B. Wheaton, Capt. Warren D. Fales, Sgt. Maj. Martin R. Howland, Sgt. John T. Clemens, and Maury Swartz, Co. B., Engineer Corps, U. S. A.

Brig. Gen. John L. Clem, U. S. A., ret., who is Vice President of the Texas Philatelic Society, is temporarily in Washington, and attends the meetings of Washington Philatelic Society and Washington Branch No. 5, Southern Philatelic Association. Senate Bill 1161 is now before Congress to promote this gallant veteran of the Civil War to the grade of Maj.-General on the retired list and if the friends that "The Drummer Boy of Chicamaugua" has among the members of Congress can be used as a criterion he will receive his reward. The general is an enthusiastic philatelist.

Washington Branch, No. 5, Southern Philatelic Association, is making preparations to entertain the Annual Convention of the S. P. A. in Washington next August, and will issue a Souvenir Program, and has designated Harry B. Mason as editor, to whom all requests for advertising space should be directed.

Irvin B. Robinson (a member of S. P. A. Branch, No. 5), who is a frequent contributor to MEKEEL'S, has recovered from his recent operation for appendicitis and was present at the last meeting of the Branch.

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POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE CANAL ZONE.

By WILLIAM EVANS.

"8 cts" on 50c Bistre Brown, 1904-06.

First Printing—The varieties of this value are the most complicated of all of the varieties issued in the Canal Zone, and some of them are almost inexplicable. This is largely due to the mixing by the Panama authorities of the sheets of different printings of the Panama surcharge when they were sent to the Zone. For some of the printings the Third Panama surcharge was supplied, while for others the fourth was used, and for one both were mixed together. Besides this, there is now a Third surcharge to consider, and, in some instances, this adds to the problems to be solved.

The stamp used was the fifty centavos of Colombia for Panama of the issue of 1896. Like the other values this stamp was surcharged with a bar through the word "COLOMBIA" and the word "PANAMA" was printed at each side. The Republic had no eight cents value, but the Canal Zone authorities needed this value as it represented the registration fee, and in order to supply it, it was necessary to surcharge the value upon some stamp of a different value. The choice fell upon the fifty centavos. After having received these two surcharges by the Panama government, it went to the Zone authorities and the "CANAL ZONE" surcharge was printed upon it.

In studying this stamp it is necessary to bear in mind the fact that the PANAMA surcharge was set up in two forms, one of which covered a vertical half, and the other an horizontal half of the sheet. For the several printings of this value issued in this series the "8 cts." surcharge was set up to cover twenty-five stamps and four impressions were needed to finish the sheet. There are three types of the "8", called for convenience a, b and c. In each sheet type "b" is found twenty times, type "c" four times, and type "a" seventy-six times. Type "b" always appears on numbers 35, 41, 42, 43, 44; 40, 46, 47, 48, 49; 85, 91, 92, 93, 94; 90, 96, 97, 98, 99;—that is if the sheet is divided into four blocks of twenty-five, we always find this type upon the last or fifth stamp of the

fourth horizontal row of the block and upon the first four stamps of the fifth row.

Type "c" appears upon numbers 45, 50, 95 and 100, or upon the fifth stamp of the fifth horizontal row of the block.

The errors of the "CANAL ZONE" surcharge are the same as those of the other values of the first printing, and besides these, two sheets are known with



an inverted surcharge. These latter were not reported until 1908 when they were sold by their original owner, who purchased them at the administration building, in the regular course of business, and there can be no doubt as to their authenticity.

Most of the sheets used in the first printing were of the fourth "PANAMA" surcharge, and the only two varieties found are the ones in which the word at the right is 5 mm. instead of 3½ mm. below the bar, and the tall narrow "M" which occurs on the 41st and 46th stamps of the sheet. But three sheets of the third "PANAMA" surcharge were mixed with those of the fourth, and the varieties of this printing are therefore greatly increased in number as a result.

The "8 cts" and "CANAL ZONE" surcharges show the same varieties on these three sheets as on those of the fourth Panama surcharge, and the "PANAMA" surcharge has the same varieties as in the other values of the third surcharge.

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ZONE" surcharge and at least part, if not all of it, was sent to Germany, whence copies have come to this country. One catalog lists this as an error of Panama, but as that country had no use for an eight cents value it does not rightly belong there. It was never issued by the Canal Zone authorities and its existence is doubtless due to the complaisance of some Panama official. The same may be said of the same variety of the eight cents on third Panama surcharge without period after "cts", and though one copy of the latter has been seen canceled, the cancellation is said to be a mere blur or daub which could easily have been applied by any one. We do not consider these stamps worthy of a place in the list of either Panama or Canal Zone.

Owing to the many varieties and the complications it seems best to list each printing of this value, as Mr. Toppan has done, instead of giving one list for all of the printings. Following this plan we have for this printing:

On fourth Panama.
8c on 50c bistre brown; "8cts" type a.
a—"8cts" type b.
b—"8cts" type c.
c—"PANAMA" 5mm. below bar at right (15, 20, or 20, 70).
d—"Tall thin 'M' in 'PANAMA' (41, 46).
e—"C", "L", and "A" broken (1).
f—"L", broken (4 sometimes 3).
g—"AL" widely spaced (41).
h—"L" broken, "8cts" type b (35 on some sheets).
i—"CANAL ZONE" inverted.
j—Shifted surcharge, bar at bottom.

On third Panama.
8c on 50c bistre brown, "PANAMA" reading up, "8cts" type a.
a—"8cts" type b.
b—"8cts" type c.
c—"PANAMA" reading up and down (1, 51).
d—"PANAMA" 15mm. long.
e—1st and 3rd "A" large at right (3, 4, 44, 53, 54, 94).

f—1st and 3rd "A" large both sides (5, 55).
g—All "A's" large at left (6, 7, 56, 57).
h—3rd "A" large at left (21, 71).
i—2nd "A" large at right (35, 85).
j—At left, 1st "A" large, 3rd "A" dropped; at right, 1st and 2nd "A's" inverted "V's"; "MA" raised (42, 92).
k—1st "A" at left inverted "V" (11, 18, 61, 68).

l—3rd "A" at left inverted "V" (14, 25, 64, 75).
m—2nd "A" at right inverted "V" (3, 34, 44, 53, 83, 94).
n—All "A's" at right inverted "V's" (27, 77).

o—"N" at right inverted (12, 40, 62, 68).
p—3rd "A" at right accented (34, 38, 84, 88).
q—3rd "A" at left inverted "V", "MA" at right raised (19, 69).

r—"N" at right raised (23, 73).
s—"P" at right wrong font (49, 99).
t—"P NAMA" at right (83 on some sheets).
u—"P NAMA" at right, 3rd "A" accented (84 on some sheets).

v—Shifted surcharge, bar at bottom, "8cts" type a.
w—"CAL" of "CANAL" broken (1).
x—"L" of "CANAL" broken (4).
y—"AL" of "CANAL" widely spaced (41).

The Second Printing—This printing was issued on September 23, 1905, and consisted of 5,000 stamps. The Panama surcharge is that of the fourth Panama type but is printed in red-brown instead of carmine. This shade being unknown in the Panama stamps, it is fair to presume that this lot was specially printed for the Zone authorities and that the color was changed either intentionally or through error. The errors have been corrected so far as this surcharge is concerned, but the "8cts." is the same as in the preceding stamp, though the red-brown is also used for that surcharge. One quarter of a sheet received a double surcharge

of the "8cts." and one stamp has been found from which the value has been omitted. Mr. Toppan says in regard to this:

"Of the other, the figure '8' is entirely omitted; the only copy known is in Mr. Frank Tweedy's collection and came from the left vertical row of the sheet. It is not due to a misplaced surcharge, as the 'cts' is well over to the right of the stamp."

The varieties of the Canal Zone surcharge are the same as for the other values of this printing, viz.: broken "Z" on number 32, broken "E" on 33, broken "L" on 42, and broken "N" on 65.

The list for this printing is therefore:
8c on 50c bistre brown, red-brown surcharge, "8" type a.
a—"8" type b.
b—"8" type c.
c—"8cts" double.
d—"8" omitted.
e—"Z" broken (32).
f—"E" broken (33).
g—"L" broken (42).
h—"N" broken (65).

Third Printing—This printing is another of the exasperating cases of mixing in which the Panama authorities indulged in this value, and is mentioned here for the sake of simplicity and clearness in separating the varieties. Only a few sheets of this setting of the "PANAMA" and "8 cts." surcharge of this printing exist, and these were mixed with the sheets of this value of the fourth series (on third Panama) and consequently were surcharged with the third Canal Zone setting. The stamps used were those with the carmine "PANAMA" and "8 cts." surcharge of the first printing and the varieties of these surcharges are the same as in that printing according to Mr. Toppan, though he fails to place them in his list.

The "CANAL ZONE" varieties are the broken letters on Nos. 32, 33, 42, and 65 and the "ZONE" of the wrong font on No. 48. The number of sheets of this stamp has, so far as I am aware, never been stated accurately but it is probably not far from twenty-five to thirty, as twenty-two copies of the 48th stamp are known to exist and a few may have gone into circulation. The whole issue consisted of 20,000, so that about one-eighth, in round numbers, were of this variety. There is no difference between these stamps and those of the first printing.

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ing, except the ones showing the distinctive varieties of the third setting of the Canal Zone surcharge, and unless one has some one of these varieties in a block it would not be possible to determine that it was not the first printing. The list of this printing, giving only the varieties peculiar to it, is as follows:

8c on 50c bistre brown.
a—"Z" broken (No. 32).
b—"E" broken (No. 33).
c—"L" broken (No. 42).
d—"N" broken (No. 65).
e—"ZONE" wrong font (No. 48).

Fourth Printing—Almost nothing of a definite character is known about this printing. Mr. Toppan says concerning it:

"This printing is still more mysterious than the third and, like it, has the 'PANAMA' and '8cts' printed in carmine and is on the fourth Panama type. The mystery of the third printing has been solved but not so with this one. It must have made its appearance late in 1905. My attention was first called to it by Mr. J. C. Morgenthau, who showed me an irregular block from the lower, right half of the sheet which proved that the '8cts' overprint had been re-set.

"The block in question consisted of stamps Nos. 50 to 80 inclusive vertically and was very irregular horizontally. No. 50 was, as in other printings, type c, but type b was represented only on No. 80, which in all other printings is type a. Nos. 48 and 49 were type a, instead of type b, as they are normally.

"I also have a block of four with the bar at the bottom of the stamp instead of at the top. This block consists of Nos. 49, 50, 59 and 60 on the sheet and all are type a, except No. 50, which is type c. Normally No. 49 is type b.



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"I have also seen a block of this printing which has no bar at all.

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"The only varieties which I am enabled to list as being of this printing are therefore the two following, and I list these only because they are unknown in any other printing.

8c on 50c bistre brown, bar at bottom of stamp.

a—Bar entirely omitted from stamp."

Fifth Printing—This, like the third printing, is due to mixing a few sheets of this type of surcharge with those of an entirely different type when a supply was sent to the Zone authorities. In this case a few sheets of the second printing having the red-brown "PANAMA" and "8cts" surcharge, were in the lot supplied for this value of the fifth series and though an error it is deemed less confusing to place them here. At least ten of these sheets have thus far come to be known. Of these "three are in the collections of philatelists, of Washington, D. C.; one is in a London collection, another has lately been advertised by a New York dealer and one, or possibly two, are in collections on the Zone," says Mr. Toppan. These stamps were issued on April 23rd, 1906.

The 8 cts. varieties are not different from those of the second printing and are arranged in the same manner on the sheet. The Panama surcharge has no errors.

The Canal Zone surcharge shows the same errors as appear on the other sheets of the issue of the same date and are: "CANAL" in wrong font on No. 26, "Z" in wrong font on No. 32, "E" broken on No. 33, "L" in wrong font on No. 42, "N" in wrong font on No. 65, and "ZONE" in wrong font on No. 48. The "8cts." types could not of course be distinguished from those of the second printing except when in connection with some of the distinctive Canal Zone errors, and have for this reason been omitted from the list, which is:

8c on 50c fourth Panama red-brown surcharge.
a—"CANAL" in wrong font (No. 26).
b—"Z" in wrong font (No. 32).
c—"E" broken (No. 33).
d—"L" in wrong font (No. 42).
e—"ZONE" in wrong font (No. 48).
f—"N" in wrong font (No. 65).

Ten Cents Yellow, 1904-06.

All of the printings of this value, four in number, are upon the fourth Panama type of surcharge.

First Printing—This printing was issued on December 12th, 1904, like the other values of the same printing and shows the same varieties. It numbered 20,000.

The Panama surcharge is printed in carmine and a vertical half sheet was printed at a time. There are but three varieties of it, viz.: that having the "PANAMA" 5 mm. below the bar at the right on the 15th and 20th stamps of the sheet, and that having the tall thin "M" in "PANAMA" on the 41st and 46th stamps, and a double surcharge.

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The list is therefore:

10c yellow, carmine.

a—"PANAMA" 5 mm. below bar (15, 20).

b—"M" in "PANAMA" tall and thin (41,

46).

c—Panama surcharge double.

d—"C", "A", and "L" broken (1).

e—"L" broken (4, sometimes 3).

f—"A L" widely spaced (41).

Second Printing—This printing was issued in the fall of 1905. Dr. Perry states that there were 25,000 of these stamps issued, but other writers upon the subject think this number is too high as the stamp is extremely scarce. It is in fact harder to obtain than the second printing of the eight cents of which only 5,000 were issued.

It is on the fourth type of Panama stamps but the surcharge is of a brown orange color instead of carmine. So far no varieties of this surcharge have been recorded.

Of the Canal Zone surcharge the varieties are four in number, being the same as those of the second printing of the other values, and are the broken letters on Nos. 32, 33, 42 and 65 of the sheet.

The list of this printing is:

10c yellow, rose-brown surcharge.

a—"Z" broken (No. 32).

b—"E" broken (No. 33).

c—"L" broken (No. 42).

d—"N" broken (No. 65).

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Crack—From Mr. Wallace R. Bostwick, Upper Montclair, New Jersey, we have received word of the existence of a crack on a plate of the current two-cent, that does not, however, touch the stamp design: "There is a crack in what appears to be the upper right pane of plate 7582, of the current two-cent. It begins, as nearly as I can judge, in the lower pane, for it is quite strong at the lower edge of this one. It extends up the first space to the right of the lower plate number and ends opposite the bottom of the 2 in the fourth stamp from the bottom. In no place does it

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touch the design. I should be interested to know if the crack is found in the lower pane. If there is any further information with which I can furnish you, I shall be glad to send it." It is possible that attention has been called before to this variety.

Hear—At any rate, we have made that esteemed yeoman, Mr. H. E. Deats, cease his arduous labors for the moment, to indite the following bill of particulars from Minneakoning Farm: "Here is another railroad registered letter label for your collection. Most roads use them for valuable papers, (not money) monthly pay checks, watches to and from the watch inspector, etc. They come in books, four to a page and about 25 pages to a book, interlined with wax paper, in the manner of telegraph franks. They have no face value or market value, either, so far as I can see." The registered label in question is one issued by the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

Grin—In our at times humble estimation, the most brilliant member of the American Philatelic Society, brushing aside philatelic considerations, is Ellis Parker Butler, the author of "Pigs Is Pigs," that humorous masterpiece that brought Mr. Butler almost as much fame as Charles Lamb achieved through his dissertation on roast pig. One of the stories in Mr. Butler's series starring Gubb, the paper-hanger-correspondence-school detective, is named "The Two-Cent Stamp"; and if the captious complain that this straw is not enough to indicate the way the wind blows, we bring our exhibit to a triumphant climax by citing "Philo" as the given name of "Gubb", the great "detective". "Ah, me," we sigh, "how many Philos have come and gone across philately's inky page!" What a legion of Philos have seen their clever pseudonymic conception appended to articles in the philatelic press. Where have all the old Philos gone? Echo answers, "Where?" *Sotto voce*: Mr. S. B. Bradt, who as a Philo wrote one of the first real philatelic juveniles in book form, "The Bluffton Stamp Club," is still on deck in Chicago, at last reports.

Various—From Mr. V. D. Angerman, Chicago, we have received a cover prepaid with three two-cent United States stamps, current issue, postmarked Roatan, Honduras, C. A., while the stamps have the regulation Honduras cancellation. In an interview with Mr. W. H. McDonald, Chicago, who has traveled extensively in southern lands and waters in the western hemisphere, he explains the use of the stamps in question as

follows: "It is the custom for mail to be accepted on the steamers of the United Fruit and Pacific Mail companies from passengers when it is prepaid by the stamps of any of the countries that the ships touch on their voyages. Usually, the purser carries a stock of stamps of the different countries. I have mailed cards, for instance, with Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Honduras and United States stamps, respectively, at the same time, on shipboard. As for the cover under notice, it evidently was handed to the purser by a passenger who had the two-cent U. S. stamps with him (since the envelope bears three of these stamps) and when Roatan, one of the chief ports of Honduras on the Caribbean, was reached, the purser took the mail to the post office there, where it was postmarked and the stamps canceled. From that port connection was made with New Orleans, in due time."

Misdirected—A member of the American Philatelic Society, Oscar F. Jackson, Los Angeles, California, was sued by his wife for separate maintenance, and on her accusation that "he squandered his money on a postage stamp collection," was awarded sixty dollars a month. The judge said: "You should be ashamed to let a fad carry you away when you might have devoted more of your money and time to your family." Mr. Jackson admitted the impeachment and said "that he probably spent more money than he should in collecting stamps. The collection was estimated to be worth more than \$5,000." Our information comes from a Los Angeles newspaper. If the collection is worth so large an amount, we do not think that Mr. Jackson "squandered" his money; and moreover, a dealer at our elbow says that the A. P. S. members have not a reputation for squandering their money on stamps, smiling enigmatically the while.

Candidates—Speaking of the American Philatelic Society, there are several new candidates in the field. Dr. H. A. Davis of Colorado Springs, Colorado, is named for the secretaryship, and Mr. B. W. H. Poole, Los Angeles, California, has been nominated as director-at-large. Both of these candidates are worthy ones, Dr. Davis having won his spurs as secretary eight or nine years ago. Mr. Poole is one of our foremost philatelists, and as a keen and intelligent student of stamps, he has few equals. WEEKLY readers in particular have reason to admire Mr. Poole through his contributions to our columns. Mr. Davis' name appears on the official list on the ballot, but that of Mr. Poole evidently was received too late for inclusion.

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—Julian Park, in sending in his A. P. S. proxy to the managing editor, regrets that he will be unable to attend the convention, much as it would give him pleasure, in view of the fact that he has an even more important function just at that time—getting married. The many friends of Mr. Park will certainly congratulate him upon the happiness that is his. Those who attend the A. P. S. convention at Boston will feel that it would have been a very proper thing for that city to have been included in the honeymoon trip.

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Philatelic Presents.—On several occasions His Majesty has been pleased to accept presentations of stamps from his loyal subjects. On the occasion of his marriage, the Philatelic Society, London, presented him with a rare selection, on his tour of the Empire in 1907 presentations were made by the Maharajah of Kashmir, the philatelists of Malta and Sydney, and by the Commonwealth of Australia. The Canadian Government has, on two occasions, presented His Majesty with albums containing special issues of the Dominion. The Maharajah of Nepal presented a collection of the stamps of that country, on the occasion of His Majesty's visit to the Coronation Durbar in 1911.

The Royal Collection.—The collection is confined to the postal issues of Great Britain and the British Dominions, and, while it is exceeded in value by several other collections, it contains, nevertheless, some exceedingly rare specimens. Chief among these, in popular esteem, are the 1d and 2d "Post Office" Mauritius, the latter an unused copy—the finest known—acquired at auction in January, 1904, and the former, a used copy obtained shortly afterwards from the collection of the Earl of Kintore. In the other issues of the stamps of this country, specimens are shown, used and unused, from the earliest to the latest states of the plate, notably three fine 2d unused, one with the error "Penoe," and an unused block of five, containing the same error, purchased in 1910. All other issues are practically complete, including specimens from the *imprimatur* sheets.

The collection of British stamps includes such unique items as the original pencil-sketch of the famous "Mulready" envelope, Rowland Hill's rough watercolor sketches for the first 1d and 2d postage stamps; specimens cut from the *imprimatur* sheets of all issues; many essays and trial impressions of the Edwardian stamps, including a proof in black of the unissued £5 value, specimens of the 2d Tyrian plum, and many other unique items of great interest.

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10	o, 9c blue (54) fine and very rare indeed	30.00
11	o1861, 3c pink, (64) good color, 3 perfs. gone	7.50
12	o, 40c blue (72) very fine	5.00
13	o, (Re-Issue of 1875), 2c black (103) off center, scarce	12.50
14	o1867, 3c (grill 13x18) (No. 83) on entire cover, rare thus	5.00
15	o, (grill 11x13), 1, 3, 12c	3.10
16	o, (grill 11x13), 15c black (91) scarce	3.00
17	o, (grill 9x13), 1c blue (92) o. g., not cent'd	5.00
18	o, (grill 9x13), 5c brown (95) scarce	5.00
19	o1869, *1, 3, 12, 15c, good lot	4.15
20	*1869, 6c blue (115) o. g. fine	4.00
21	o, 15c very fine (119)	1.50
22	o, 2c centered S. E. (120)	5.00
23	o, 30c blue and carmine (121) fine	15.00
24	o, 90c black and carmine (122) very fine	15.00
25	o1870, (Grilled), 7c vermilion (138) fine	4.00
26	o1871, (Nat'l), 24c purple (153) fine	1.50
27	o1873-79, 90c carmine (166 and 191), both fine	4.50
28	o1888, 90c purple (218) centered E	2.25
29	*1890, 30c and 90c both o. g. (face \$1.20)	3.00
30	o, 90c orange, nice scarce block of 4	3.00
31	o1893, \$1.00 (Columbian) fine	3.00
32	*1898, \$2.00 (Omaha) (293) o. g. very fine, scarce	6.00

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33	*Agriculture, 1c yellow, no gum	3.50
34	*Executive 1c carmine, o. g., very fine	8.00
35	o, Cpt. set, (2c smudged) cardboard proofs	?
36	*Interior, complete set, cardboard proofs	?
37	*Justice, 24c purple, fine rare	12.50
38	o, 9 var. cardboard proofs (6c missing)	?
39	*Navy, complete set, cardboard proofs	?
40	oState, 30c green	5.00
41	o, 6c (defective); and War, 7c	3.25
42	*War, complete set cardboard proofs	?
43	oEagle Carrier, 1c blue (802) very fine	3.00

U. S. REVENUES.

44	oImperforate, 25c Postage, fine vertical pair	—
45	o, 50c Convey. and Mtg., both fine	2.75
46	o, \$1.00 Convey., Entry Gds., Manifest, v. fine	2.65
47	o, \$5.00 Conveyance, superb	1.50
48	oPerforate, \$25.00 Mortgage, fine	4.00
49	o, \$50.00 green, U. S. I. R., fine	4.00
50	o2nd Issue, 4, 30, 70c, scarce values	2.10
51	o3rd Issue, 1c and 6c, scarce values	2.50
52	o1902, \$10.00 green and black, (C. C.) fine and very scarce	4.00

CONFEDERATE STATES.

53	oMobile, 5c blue (97), a fine copy on entire cover, very scarce	6.50
54	o1862, 10c rose (204) fine	3.00
54a	*1863, "Ten Cents" milky blue (208) fine	7.50

CANAL ZONE.

55	o1904, 2c rose (1) superb	8.00
56	o, (on U. S.) 5, 8, 10c, o. g. fine, (6, 7, 8)	2.60

CUBA.

57	o1855-57, 9 var. Nos. *1, 2a, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, *13, *14, fine	3.28
58	o—2r p (No. 4) fine, scarce block of 4	—
59	o, "Y4" Nos. 7 and 15, fine, scarce	3.50
60	o1868, 10c blue (39a) very fine	1.75
61	*1869, 5, 10, 20 & 40c (Nos. 42-3-4-5), scarce lot	9.00
62	o1870-72, 40c and 1p (Nos. 49, 57) fine, scarce	3.50
63	*1877-78, 10c green; 10c black (71-7) fine	4.25
64	*1879, 10c orange (83) o. g. scarce stamp	4.00
65	o1882, 20c red brown (120) fine	2.50
66	*1897, 40 and 80c (Nos. 154-5) o. g. fine	3.00
67	*1898, 1c to 80c, (13 var.) o. g. fine set (20c used)	4.86
68	o, 1p (174) and 2p (175) unused o. g.	5.00
69	o, "Puerto Principe" 1c, No. 177, fine	5.00
70	o, "Puerto Principe" 3c (Nos. 180 and 181) in a superb horiz. pair on piece cover, very rare	13.50
71	o, "Puerto Principe" 5c (No. 190) fine	7.50
72	o, "Puerto Principe" 3c (No. 196) fine	5.00
73	*1910, 1c to 1 peso, complete set, o. g. v. fine, (face \$1.79)	3.74
74	o, 1c (No. 239a), inverted ctr., o. g., fine, r.	?
75	*5 var., Nos. 81-7-9, 105, 145, all fine, scarce	5.00
76	*29 var., U. S. and Republic issues only, all o. g. very fine and desirable lot (face \$1.78)	8.03
77	o67 var., (12 new) good lot	12.07

GUAM.

78	*1899, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5c, all o. g. fine	5.20
79	o, 6, 8, 10, 15c, all o. g., scarce lot	5.00
80	o, 50c orange (11) o. g. fine	2.50
81	o, \$1.00 black (11) o. g. centered N. scarce	5.00
82	o, 10c Special Delivery, o. g.	1.50

HAWAII.

83	o1859, 5c blue (21) fine, with small thin spot, r.16.00	—
84	o1883-86, 25c dark violet (47), v. fine	2.50
85	*1893, 12c red lilac (63) red surch., o. g., fine	4.00
86	o, (black surch.) 2c rosy vermilion (65) o. g. superb	3.00
87	o, 12c red lilac (69) o. g. superb	12.50
88	o, 50c and 1c (Nos. 72-3) o. g. very fine	4.75
89	*1894, 25c blue (79) o. g. block of 4	3.00
90	*1896, Official Set complete, o. g., very fine	5.60
91	*27 var., (6 used) a superb lot	12.88

PHILIPPINES.

92	o1870, 20c brown (41) perfectly centered, p. c. 4.00	—
93	o1872, 1p 25c yellow brown (47), very fine	3.00
94	*1879, 100 and 250m (Nos. 68, 71) scarce stamps	2.50
95	*1883-88, 1r on 20c on 250m (135a) inverted surch., fine	5.00
96	*1890, 20c rose (147) o. g., fine	2.50

Lot No. Catalogue Value.

97	*1898, 1m to 1 peso complete, o. g. fine set	6.53
98	o, 2 peso blue (211) very fine	2.50
99	*1899, (On U. S.) 50c orange (212) o. g. not centered, scarce	3.50
100	o, 1c to 50c, (9 var.) all o. g. fine	3.96
101	o, \$2.00 dark blue (224) o. g. very fine	12.50
102	o, \$5.00 dark grn. (225) o. g. very fine	20.00
103	*1903-04, 1c-15c (10 var.) all o. g. fine	7.78
104	o, 50c orange (236) o. g. very fine	2.00
105	o, \$1.00 black (237) o. g. superb scarce	6.00
106	o, \$2.00 deep blue (238) o. g. superb	15.00
107	o, \$5.00 dark green (239) o. g. superb	20.00
108	*1906, 2c to 26c incl. (241-249) o. g. fine set	2.41
109	o, 1 peso orange (251) o. g. fine	2.50
110	o, 2p black (252) o. g. fine	2.50
111	o, 4p dark blue (253) o. g. fine	4.00
112	o, 10p dark grn. (254) o. g. fine very scarce	12.50
113	*1909, 1p pale violet (260) o. g. fine	3.50
114	*1899, Dues (on U. S.), 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 50c o. g. fine	4.90
115	o1892, 5m green (412) fine	7.00
116	o35 varieties, a fine lot	20.24

PORTO RICO.

117	*1874-75, 25 and 50c (Nos. 5, 6), both fine	4.25
118	o, 1p brown (7) fine	6.50
119	o1876, 1p black (12) fine	2.00
120	*1877, 10 and 15c (Nos. 14-5) both fine	4.00
121	o1878, 5c olive bistre (18) fine	2.00
122	*1880, 4c deep green (29), fine	3.00
123	*1882, 40 and 80c (Nos. 68-9) scarce	5.25
124	*1884, 3 & 8c (Nos. 72 & 72a) in fine horiz. pair	2.15
125	*1890, 8m olive bistre (80) o. g. superb	8.00
126	*1898, 1m to 1 peso (19 var., 2 used) fine set	5.11
127	o, 2 pesos slate blue (154) o. g. very fine	3.00
128	o51 varieties, a fine lot	18.45

FOREIGN STAMPS.

129	*1882-85, 4p blue (15) o. g. fine	6.00
130	*1886, 1sh violet (20) o. g. fine	6.00

BARBADOS.

131	o1852-59, 1p and 1sh (Nos. 6 and 9) scarce stps.	4.25
132	*1871, 1p blue (33) very scarce	12.50
133	o, 4p blue green (36) rare	18.00
134	*1873, 5sh dull rose (43) fine and scarce	11.00
135	*1892, 1fa to 2sh complete set, o. g. fine	4.33
136	*1897, 1fa to 10p (8 var.) fine and scarce	5.75
137	o, 4p on blue (80a) fine and scarce	2.50

BRAZIL.

138	o1850, 10r to 600r (8 var.) fine, desirable set	8.38
139	o1861, 450r yellow (40) scarce	6.00
140	o1878, 700r red brown (75) very scarce	2.50

BRITISH GUIANA.

141	o1863, 8 and 12c (Nos. 48-9) fine, scarce	5.00
142	o1866, 6c blue (67) fine	3.75

CANADA.

143	o1852, 3p red (4) fine vertical pair	—
144	o, 6p purple black (5d) thin paper, fine	10.00
145	*1857, 4p rose (8) fine (no gum)	10.00
146	o, 6p violet (10) lightly cld., fine margins	—
147	*1859, 10c red lilac (16) part o. g. scarce	7.50
148	o, 17c blue (20) a scarce stamp	5.00
149	o1868-75, 1c to 15c (10 var.) a very fine lot	5.35
150	*1870, 3c red, laid paper (29) fine and scarce	4.50
151	*1869-72, 1c yellow (32b) fine hor. imperf. pair	14.00
152	*1897 (Jubilee), 1c to 50c incl., fine set	3.83
153	o, \$3.00 yellow bistre (63) fine	3.00

CAFE OF GOOD HOPE.

154	o1855, 6p lilac (5) fine	6.00
155	o, 1sh yellow green (6) ltg. cld., v. scarce	6.00

CEYLON.

156	o1857, 5p orange brown (6) very fine	7.50
157	*1861, 2p yellow green (18) fine	7.50
158	o, 1sh violet (34) fine	2.50
159	*1864-67, 1, 2, 6p, 1sh (46-7-52-7), nice lot	7.25
160	o, 8p red brown (53) very fine	2.50
161	o, 2sh deep blue (58) fine	3.00
162	*1903, (Single), 2.25r (No. 177) o. g. superb	10.00

CYPRUS.

163	o1880, 30pa (7) centered left, scarce	7.50
164	*1881, 1 and 2p (Nos. 11-13) fine	3.35
165	o, 1, 2p (Nos. 11, 12, 13) fine	2.35
166	o, 4p olive green (14) very fine	6.25
167	o, 6p olive gray (15) fine and scarce	10.00
168	*1882, 4p green (16) fine	2.50
169	o1886, 4p grn. (27) a v. scarce, underpriced stp.	10.00
170	*1894, 9 and 18p (Nos. 28-9) o. g. v. fine	3.00
171	o, 45p (No. 30) o. g. very fine	4.50
172	*1896, 6 and 12p (Nos. 36-7) o. g. v. fine	2.10

FINLAND.

173	o1866, 1mk yellow brown (11) fine, very scarce	8.00
174	*1889-90, 10mk brown and rose (45) o. g. superb	3.00

FRANCE.

175	o1863-70, 5fr gray lilac (36) very fine	4.00
176	o, another, thinned but fine appearing	4.00

GT. BRITAIN.

177	o1847-54, 6p and 1sh (Nos. 6, 8) nice copies	4.00
178	o1848, 10p red brown (7) fine, scarce	5.00
179	o1883-84, 2s, 5 and 10sh (Nos. 97, 108-9) fine	2.30
180	o, 2s, on bluish (96) fine and scarce	5.00
181	o, 5sh rose on bluish (108a) very scarce	10.00
182	o, 1l brown violet (110) fine, scarce	10.00
183	o1891, 1l green (124) desirable	4.00
184	*1902, 1l green (142) fine and scarce	5.00

GRENADA.

185	o1863-81, 2s, 4, 6p (Nos. 4, 9, 10) very fine	5.00
186	o1892, (Dues) 1, 2, 2p (Nos. 104-6-7) fine	4.00

HAMBURG.

187	o1859-66, 1, 7 and 14sch (Nos. 1, 11, 25) first is close	6.00
188	o1861-65, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7sch, very fine lot	5.00
189	o, 7s orange (21) fine	6.00

HAYTI.

190	o1881, *1, 2, *3, 5, 7, 20c (Nos. 1 to 6) fine lot	7.25
191	o, 20c red brown (6) fine	4.00
192	*1882, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 20c (Nos. 7-12), desirable	2.75

NEW BRUNSWICK.

193	o1851, 3p red (1) fine tho close left	7.00
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NEWFOUNDLAND.

194	*1857, 1p brown violet (1) o. g. superb	2.50
195	o, 3p green (3) o. g. superb "square pair"	5.00
196	*1863, 4p rose (18) scarce used	4.00
197	o, 4, 6p and 1sh (Nos. 18, 20-3) o. g. fine	3.10
198	o, 64p rose (21) o. g. superb	3.00
199	o, 8p rose (22) o. g. superb	4.00

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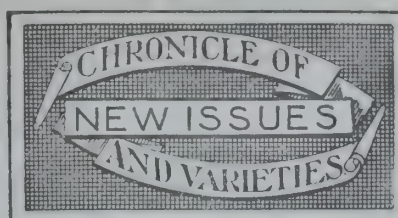
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—Envelope collectors have had another surprise this week in the discovery of the new current design 2c envelope on amber paper of the 1911 contract, reports J. M. Bartels. Die B continues to be scarce and is known so far only on white and amber. If anyone has seen it on blue or buff, collectors would like to know it. There has been a lull in new discoveries during the past month, namely, only five new ones in three weeks, but no one is complaining.

The following new issues have been noted by Mr. Bartels:—

Issue 1915.					
Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Kn.
2c	H	5	White	20	87
Issue 1916.					
2c	A	5	Amber	18	87
2c	B	13	Amber	19	89
2c	A	3	White	20	92
2c	A	13	Blue	20	89

E. W. Murray has shown us the 12c, Scott's No. 361 with a double impression plain to be seen; also, the 12c in the new color, with a very faint line about ½ mm. outside the right hand frame line.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—Harry S. Huber reports that the new 1sh stamp recently noted, on green paper colored through, was put on sale at Georgetown, May 15, 1916, thus completing the series. This stamp is printed from plate 5.

ICELAND.—The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain writes:—"We have received a fairly large number of stamps used on letters during the past few months, and find that many values of the 1907-8 issue (double head) are again in general use, though with the exception of the 3 aur, which, as reported in October last, is on the new paper, watermarked multiple crosses, all are with the old crown watermark. It looks as though the stamps of the 1911 type were gradually being used up, and that the remaining stock of the 1907-8 issue will be employed as long as it lasts, while the fact of the 3 aur being reprinted on the new paper seems to suggest that other values of this issue may also appear on the new paper."

INDIA.—Gwalior.—According to the Philatelic Journal of India, the following quantities of Indian stamps were overprinted for use in Gwalior in 1915: Ordinary—3p, 960,000; ½a, 160,000; 1a, 81,408; 2a, 16,640; 3a, 26,880; 4a, 8,192; 6a, 5,120; 8a, 2,048; 12a, 1,280; 1r, 2,016; 2r 960; 5r, 480; service—3p, 320,000; ½a, 320,000; 1a, 160,000; 2a, 16,128. Ewen's Weekly reports finding the 3p with small "i" in "Gwalior", a sheet each of 1r, 2r and 5r, with the top half showing a double impression, one in albino.

NEW ZEALAND.—Ewen's Weekly mentions the 1d of the 1901 issue with the upper portion of the design doubly printed.

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EDITOR WYLIE AT ST. PAUL.

Olaf J. Olson, 20 W. 5 St., St. Paul, Minn., is arranging an occasion when the Managing Editor of the WEEKLY will be able to meet the collectors of the Twin Cities. It will take place Tuesday evening, July 18, or the following evening, and any collector in St. Paul or Minneapolis interested is urged to communicate with Mr. Olson. It is needless to say that the Managing Editor will be glad to meet WEEKLY subscribers and others at this time. It is his intention to be in Grand Rapids July 22 to 26, and later in the week at Detroit, en route to Boston.

MR. NAST DECLINES.

Charles A. Nast writes us as follows: "Having just learned that I have been nominated by the Cleveland Branch for Director of the A. P. S., I wish to say that while appreciating the compliment implied thereby, I still must decline to have my name considered for any office. The use of my name was without my knowledge or consent. I have joined the other Colorado collectors in nominating Dr. H. A. Davis, our former efficient secretary, and I urge my friends, since only one name from a state can be considered, to vote for him."

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A VAN DYCK OF PHILATELY.

By DEREK INGRAM.

It may be a matter of surprise to some to know that Philately has its own Van Dyck, a personage quite distinct from the famous Flemish painter. The Van Dyck of philately was a Belgian lover of art and bric-a-brac. He was the "originator" of the famous "Laureated Reprints" and a gentleman of considerable private means, who resided on and off in Sydney, New South Wales, some years ago. At that place he lived in good style, paying cash for everything and was generous in his hospitality. No trouble would be too great if it meant his securing a coveted stamp, and he would often spend five or six times the value of the stamp in travelling, lunches, and incidental expenses, before he secured the object of his desire.

D. A. Vindin, the eminent Australian stamp dealer, related how Van Dyck, when "in town," always invited him to lunch and often aroused his curiosity by hinting at some great philatelic discovery he was about to make. Mr. Vindin knew there was "something good" on the board, and would not have been greatly surprised at anything, knowing how indefatigable he was in his investigations and searchings. Every year or two Van Dyck took a trip to Europe, and it was directly after one of these trips that he started to warn the dealer in regard to the "Laureated." One day Mr. Vindin was staggered with the information that Van Dyck had found a complete sheet of the 8d orange, "Laureated." Most decidedly this was something unique, for the sheet was nicely "backed" with real "ancient" gum, passed by the dealer's verdict as "beyond reproach." Mr. Vindin became so enthusiastic that he actually stood a large bottle of "Heidsieck, '84," to drink to the future success of "these lovely eight-pennies." How Van Dyck must have smiled!

About a month or two after Van Dyck had first produced the sheet of the 8d "Laureated," he one day announced that he had discovered in the Colonial Treasury Office a wonderful lot of unused "Laureated." These, he said, had been put aside in a large envelope at the time the stamps were current, and must have been mislaid. Eventually, by a curious coincidence, this envelope was turned out from an old account book by one of the officials, who at once passed them over to Van Dyck for his inspection. Just at this time he "half lived" between the Colonial Secretary's and the Government Printing Office, but it is rather remarkable that he should have happened to be immediately available when the wonderful "find" was made. Van Dyck's story to the dealer was to the effect that he offered the official £500 to pass the stamps over and "shut up," and Mr. Vindin was persuaded to go halves. There were eight sheets of each value, that is four hundred each of the 2d "stars in corners," and 8d yellow, and two hundred of the 6d brown. They all looked nice and clean. Van Dyck explained that they were all stuck together; so he had washed the gum off the stamps, and "ironed" them out in (otherwise) mint condition.

Naturally, Mr. Vindin was much excited over this transaction, which he regarded as one of the greatest value in every way. It was agreed to fix the price low in order to get a quick return, and so the minimum was placed at £200, the one hundred and twenty-five stamps. As he agreed to personally guarantee the stamps, he did not expect to have any trouble in selling the lot, and so clearing £550 as his share. He sent away four sheets on approval to Europe. One of these sets he sent to Mr. M. P. Castle, at that time the leading collector of Australians. The stamps created some excitement, particularly when exhibited at the meeting of the London Philatelic Society. There was a distinct feeling of distrust and suspicion, and although the critics could not say positively what was wrong, they did not like the look of things, and so placed them on the doubtful lists, and deferred judgment.

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At any rate, there was clear evidence that none of the Government departments had any knowledge of the plates being in existence. No trace of reprints could be found, and as the paper and colours of the stamps under suspicion tallied exactly with used copies of the same stamps, it seemed like condemning what could not be understood. One day, Mr. Vindin chaffingly told Van Dyck that the police had called to see him about the "Laureated." This was pure fiction, but it had the effect of frightening the "originator" of the find, who then confessed that on calling on a dealer in second-hand furniture and curiosities, he was told that something very fine in his line had turned up. To Van Dyck's intense surprise, the dealer produced for his inspection the original copper plates of the 2d "Star," 6d and 8d "Laureated," and of several unadopted designs for New South Wales stamps. These, the dealer said, were found in an old desk he had bought at a sale; he had no idea what the things were, and sold them to Van Dyck for a few shillings. It seems that every dealer in second-hand goods and curios in Sydney knew him as an occasional buyer.

Van Dyck proceeded to Europe with the plates, had the paper specially made, and a number of stamps printed off. He then returned to Sydney and made his "great find," as previously explained. The plates were completely destroyed, however, on this story being made known, and the remains were dropped over South Head, Sydney, into the Pacific. Thus closed the operations of the would-be creator of a second edition of New South Wales "Laureated!"—*The Philatelic Magazine.*

THE CHARM OF STAMP COLLECTING.

By LeROY C. BROWN.

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By HENRY B. PHILLIPS.

The creator of this title, Charles Proctor Kimball, eighth in descent from Richard Kimball who came from England to New England in America on the good ship "Elizabeth" in the year 1634, was born at Bangor, Maine, July 11th, 1821.

In the year 1849 he emigrated to Alta, California, arriving in San Francisco in July of that year, and made that city his home for the remainder of his span of life.

He was a member of the society of California Pioneers, also belonged to the fraternal orders of I. O. O. F. and O. C. F. Was a member of the historical Vigilante Committee of 1856 in San Francisco, but perhaps he was best known, (saving the local title of "Noisy Carrier") as the publisher of the first business directory of the young city of San Francisco. This work he brought out in September, 1850, a modest publication of 136 pages and containing about 2500 names.

This book is now of the greatest rarity, and eagerly sought for by book collectors, as owing to the numerous fires that several times destroyed the city soon thereafter almost all copies were destroyed within the two following years. We might add that the book has been reprinted in a limited edition quite a good many years ago.

To him must be given the credit of establishing and operating the first "City Letter Delivery" in San Francisco. The brief history of this enterprise is taken from a diary he kept at that time and in which he recorded, day by day, his impressions of events current, as well as personal and business matters.

The plan of this business enterprise was to put up boxes at convenient places throughout the city for the reception of letters to be delivered locally, the delivery charge to be deposited in cash together with the letter, he to make stated calls at every box throughout the day and immediately deliver to the addresses the letters or notices found in them.

The first mention of this business was made under the date Tuesday, January

22nd, 1850; when he wrote—"arranging for City Letter Delivery, making boxes for collecting letters."

Friday, February 1st, 1850, the entry reads—"Had 35 boxes made." Friday, February 14th, "Put labels on boxes and wrote advertisements and hand bills for City Letter Delivery."

February 20th complains that his boxes are filled with letters addressed to the Eastern States and, nothing deposited in the way of his charges, he could only deposit the letters in the postoffice. He also called on the postmaster that day, after which call the following record appears—"Called on P. M. and was very kindly informed that it was against the law to give a privilege to any one (to operate a local letter delivery business) but who was appointed by the Post Master General." And he adds—"so my nose is out of joint."

Under date of February 26th, 1850, comes the tragic entry—"Took in 15c from my boxes, this the first and all I have taken so far; and took down all my boxes."

So ended the first City Letter Delivery of San Francisco. It is not known that any evidences of this enterprise have been preserved. It must be remembered all this occurred before he had earned the title of "Noisy Carrier," and the enterprise must not be confounded with that later activity of Mr. Kimball.

The manner in which he obtained the appellation of "Noisy Carrier" may be given in the language of his daughter, Miss Rebecca M. Kimball:—

"My father carried several of the papers; getting them on the arrival of the steamer. He would call out the names and prices of each, and in rhyme suiting the wording, he gave the name of every paper he had from any part of the world, and its price, in his own rhyming language, which he varied from day to day always making rhymes. He had a rich, powerful baritone voice, could be heard a long distance, and was liked by every one."

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On Monday, March 18th, 1850, the record says, "Used for the first time doggerel to help sell the *Journal*."

This first effusion is worthy of being recorded here, it is—

"Come all of you for gold so free
And buy a 'Journal of Commerce,'
'Twill tell you where it can be found
By washing in the stony ground."

Gold was uppermost in the minds of every one and many of his daily rhymes had gold for their inspiration. Each day he composed and used a new rhyme; a few exemplars may not be amiss in this record. On April 3rd, he cried—

"If now you read of gold in lump
Enough to make your heart go bump,
That late was found in Auburn ground
Just buy the *Journal* as I go round."

When there was no particular news any catchy thing would do, as—

"If married now you like to be
And don't know how to do it,
Just buy a *Daily Journal* of me
And that will put you through it."

April 4th brought to light the following on "Americanism,"

"Of rhyming now a yarn is spun
For Alien not American,
They are to mine just where they please
By paying of a License Lease."

Some days when news of the day could not be compressed into one rhyme he had several in one day and he confessed to eight rhymes in one hard, exciting day.

On April 8th one of his "songs" turned to politics and external relations of this country:

"If now you'd like to know our station
And how we stand with the British nation,
What their great paper engines say,
Just buy the 'Journal' I have today."

With one more Gold jingle we close these extracts.

"Oh, for the Nevada now I'll speak
'Tis said that there they've found a streak,
Where gold sticks out so very plain
That they get thousands for a claim."

In this manner he rapidly increased his business and soon opened a book and newspaper stall at the corner of Sansome and Pacific Streets. He had an established line of subscribers and made regular deliveries of his subscribers' papers and magazines at their places of business. His business evidently prospered as he is soon found in larger quarters at No. 77 Long Wharf, now Commercial Street. Being in the newspaper and periodical business he was of necessity a large patron of the Post Office Department, and letters and other matter occasionally are found bearing his hand stamps which he used for advertising and cancellation purposes, and later when he had established the corporation entitled "Noisy Carrier's Book and Stationery Company" made use of an adhesive label on the mail delivered from its place of business.

In 1856, the following business announcement was made by him:—

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Kimball, Thomas N. Hibben, G. B. Haywood, Trustees; D. E. Appelton, Secretary; Chas. Galacar, Agt., New York."

Afterwards he drifted into other lines of business, but at one time he owned a carrier's route belonging with the old *Daily Alta* newspaper, at that time the leading commercial paper of the City.

The records of those early days are few. One can only get a bit here and a bit there and patiently piece them together and even then the result is often a disappointment and a colorless record.

Any evidence of the activities of these pioneers should be treasured and carefully preserved. A more extended account of his business life could be made, but in a philatelic publication that would probably be uncalled for. He died in San Francisco April 28, 1894, and his memory was duly and properly set forth in the records of his cherished Society, the California Pioneers, of which he was one of its notable members.

I AM SIAM.

OH KING.

OF THE mighty Siamese.

I ENVY you.

FOR YOUR nice cool dress.

AND YOUR flowing sash.

AND YOUR necklace.

AND YOUR enrapturing helmet.

AND.

MOST OF all.

FOR THOSE feet.

AND THOSE eyes.

AND THAT promising zitz.

BUT.

MOST REVEREND.

AND MOST mighty.

I BEND.

TO THE ground.

WITH UTMOST humility.

TO ASK a question.

THISISIT—

HAVE YOU knees?

H. F. CASHIN,

Manhattan Beach, Cal.

THE THIRD PARADISE

Pray think of the mouse,
My dear Mr. Howes,
Don't mention the Apsaras of Ind.
For how could it blow,
I'd just like to know,
In a paradise somewhere near Jhind!

E. O. G.

(NOTE.—The entries are not coming along as we would wish. We shall be forced to call off the contest unless there is something doing right away.—EDITOR.)

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PHILATELY ON THE RACK.

Philately is undergoing a stern test, but stamp collectors may rest assured that its stability will remain unquestioned, notwithstanding. Owing to the decree of May 11th last, prohibiting the entry into France of certain goods—including stamps for collections, either unused or used—our friends the French dealers are notifying their correspondents abroad to suspend any consignment of stamps they might have ready until the obnoxious decree has been cancelled. The German Government have introduced a similar drastic measure, while the Italian authorities have forbidden the exportation of stamps, either unused or used. The object of the French and German vetoes is fairly obvious, being the result of a decision to prevent remittances being sent out of the country in payment of things which are not essential to the maintenance of the nation's physical needs. The man in the street would probably ejaculate "Quite right, too," but our readers, who are conversant with the enormous ramifications of the stamp business and who appreciate how the national coffers can and are actually augmented by the sale of current postage stamps, will at once recognise the illogicalness of the embargo.—Stamp Collecting.

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years before the use of the postage
stamps. The invention of the first post
and couriers is ascribed to Cyrus the
Great, King of Persia.

When his empire, after his great con-
quests B. C. 536, became so extensive he
required all his governors of provinces
and commanders of his troops, to write
to him, all that was going on in the
districts and armies. To render the cor-
respondence more sure and rapid and
also to send his orders with greater
haste, he had post houses built, and
messengers appointed in every province.

Estimating the distance a good horse
could travel in a day without being in-
jured, he had stables built at the proper
distance, furnished with horses and
grooms to care for the horses. At each
of these places he appointed a postmas-
ter to receive the packages from the
couriers as they arrived, and to give
them others to carry on, also to change
the horses for fresh ones.

In this way the post went day and
night with extraordinary speed. Rain,
snow, heat, cold, or any inclemency of
the weather never interrupted their pro-
gress. The superintendent of posts, be-
came a great employment. Herodotus
tells us of the same sort of couriers in
the reign of Xerxes.

Posts are spoken of four times in the
Old Testament. Jeremiah says, "Our
post shall run to meet another." Esther
says, "Posts that rode upon mules and
camels."

THE CHARM OF STAMP COLLECTING.

By MRS. FRANKLIN R. FLOWER.

Each winter my husband and I get out
our collection, add a few stamps and
look over the accumulation of U. S.
saved through the year. If it were not
for two dear little boys who like "tamps"
too, we might indulge in more expensive
additions to our collection which money
could not buy.

Years ago my small brother and my-
self each started a collection. We
traded and sorted and in our small way
spent many happy hours together—then
he passed away and the collection was
mine to be laid away tenderly, for the
memories of each stamp was too keen
and heartbreaking.

Years after, a young man whose sister
boarded with us began to call frequently
and discovered I was interested in
stamps. The next week he brought his
collection in a large Scott's album and
gave it to me. Then I brought out the
collection of years ago and altho not
as large as his I could fill many vacant
spaces in the book. Instead of flowers
and candy he brought me more stamps
and together we spent many happy even-
ings over the collection. We studied
shades and watermarks and I soon dis-
covered that he was very distinguished
looking when bending over a stamp
with a magnifying glass in his hand. Of
course the collection is not mine any
longer but *ours* and as we turn the pages
we say "Remember the night we found
this?" "Wasn't it queer we didn't find
this stamp before?" and similar sen-
tences which mean little to the reader
but much to us, and now in the winter
evenings, after the baby boys are in bed,
we get out our stamps and the charm of
filling a few spaces makes us young
again.

Oh where is the charm?
Why, in memories of old
Of the dead and the living,
And of love's story told.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all
the news from the various philatelic centers.
Correspondents' names will be given unless
prohibited as we desire to give full credit for
services rendered.

—In the mail auction sale recently
conducted by F. Ciampolini some prices
were realized that will prove of in-
terest:—

Hanover No. 26, Cat. \$8.50,\$7.50
Two Sicilies No. 1, Cat. \$12, 14.00
Spain No. 11, Pair pen canc., 7.50
Confed. States No. 207, strip of four, Cat.
\$10, 12.00

—C. H. Marsh, Marshfield, Ore., be-
lieves that Buddie Lewis (rear 121 No.
Belmont Av., Springfield, O.) would
like to earn a little money working on
stamps and suggests that if someone
will send him a bunch of the current 2c
in used condition, he (Mr. Marsh) will
pay a dollar for a sheet of shades. Mr.
Marsh writes us in part as follows:—

"You see there are other kinds of
Shut-ins, those who are pegging along
in the old world's marts and have not
the time and perhaps not the chance to
do this work. Now if some one can
get a bunch of the current 2c to Buddie,
I have a dollar that will go to him for
such a sheet. I will not say how many
shades there must be on the sheet. We
will leave that to Buddie. I believe
that a dollar will do him more good
than a bunch of duplicates."

—"Regarding the Mauritius 25c with
white back. This is the only one that
has not been issued yet. We have sent
eight remittances at various times to
Mauritius, all of which were returned
with the statement that these stamps are
not on sale yet and no period can be stated
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cation appears a photographic reproduc-
tion of the Mexico 5p stamp, with the
surcharge 'Gobierno v Constitucional-
ista', accompanying an advertisement.
In this surcharge, as illustrated, the
letter 'S' is reversed; no such error
occurs on the original stamps. The il-
lustration differs in several other re-
spects from the stamps. It may be that
the surcharge is not part of the original
photograph but was added later."—
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recently been made in our columns, will
be the recipient of this favor.

—Clipping acknowledged with thanks
from W. G. Swart.

—The Niagara Falls Philatelic Club
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ern Philatelic Association to meet in
their city next year.

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The 12th annual convention of the
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dentials Committee consists of C. A.
Fisk, chairman; F. Percy Collingwood,
L. G. Snow, W. B. Savary and W. E.
Goodwin.

The Collectors' Ticket, nominated at
large, was endorsed by a meeting of the
Boston members on July 7, as follows:
for president, H. L. Lindquist of Chic-
ago; for vice-president, A. E. Bartlett of
Kansas; for secretary, L. G. Snow of
Valparaiso, Ind.; for treasurer, Victor
Boyer of Pa.; and for directors, Walter
E. Goodwin of Dover, N. H., and W.
B. Savary of Somerville, Mass.

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will be present:—J. E. Guest, Minneap-
olis, Minn.; L. G. Snow, Valparaiso,
Ind.; F. P. Collingwood, Attleboro,
Mass.; W. E. Goodwin, Dover, N. H.;
W. H. Hollenbach, Reading, Pa. Others
who are coming should write to some
member of the committee.

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EDITORIAL.

Revenue.—According to the program, the house of representatives took final action on the new tax measure on July 10th; and the senate is to consider the bill immediately after the deliberations so that it will be ready for the signature of the President soon afterwards. We have not yet seen a copy of the new enactment as it was prepared in caucus, but from what has been learned, there is a likelihood that the wine and cordial stamps will be continued in use in view of the retention of the tax on these beverages.

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Split.—A reader has shown us a memorandum of sale given by a large Chicago firm that bears no revenue stamps, but instead has the rubber-stamped inscription: "Part \$1,000 stamp No.—used for this amount." Permission for the use of this notice flanking the written amount of tax due was granted by the authorities, but we understand that one or more other applicants for the concession fared unsuccessfully. While unquestionably the privilege of rating up the tax charge on a multiplicity of memoranda of sales on the board of trade in order that they may be paid by a revenue stamp of a large or the highest denomination when its figure is reached, is of distinct advantage in a utilitarian sense, yet the fact remains that from the philatelic viewpoint, an avenue is opened for obtaining high value revenue stamps that was not known to exist heretofore. We are pleased to give this information as we think that its significance will be recognized by collectors.

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Away.—In answer to several inquiries that have come to us as a consequence of our report of the failure of Edward Michael, Chicago, we have to report that Edward Michael is still absent from the city and for that reason there has been a delay in the procedure that attends the legal phase of a case of the kind.

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Compromise.—We have sometimes wondered why we had never found a soldier's letter of the civil war period with the "soldier's letter" printed on it for the convenience of all concerned.

WHITEBACKS

Cayman Is40	Hong Kong \$5	3.75
Ceylon R150	Malta 1s35
Gold Coast 3d20	St. Lucia 4d35
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French Guinea 1912, set of fifteen	\$1.20	New Caledonia 1912, set of five38
Martinique 1912, set of four54	Reunion 1912, set of eight75

EUGENE KLEIN, 1318 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

One of these letters has been uncovered with "soldier's letter" neatly rubber-stamped in the corner.

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Mixed.—A question has been propounded by Mr. Edwin B. Hill, Mesa, Arizona, with which many collectors are temporizing, trusting to some inspired suggestion to point out the satisfactory solution. "Here is a point that I have pondered these many years,—used and unused together, indiscriminately, or, shall I say discriminately? The point is, when a collector yearns for postally used and finds a stamp worth a few cents unused and a few dollars used, or perhaps unobtainable used, what shall be done? I prefer used. They do not look well with unused, the purists say. One may have a used stamp so lightly canceled that it appears unused. What shall be done? Can one mix? I shall be glad to have a symposium of opinion from the discriminating." Our own philosophy in this regard is a most convenient one. We please ourselves and the philatelist who criticizes the plan is asked to submit a better one; and the comments of the outsider are not feared.

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Retroactive.—"What," asked the technical high-school teacher, "would you do if you were transplanted back to 1866 (or fifty years) and yet retained your present day knowledge?" The answers of the scholars were interesting as a whole and most of them, as showing the ruling passion, had to do with opportunities for financial gain. One boy said that he would buy selected sheets of stamps then current in the countries of the world, not neglecting the United States. This idea was a credit to the youth, evidently a philatelist, who conceived it. If a systematic plan of selection were adopted to cull out the stamps that show the greatest increases in value, the advance in dollars and cents over face value, practically speaking, to today's market prices, would be unbelievably great.

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Scarcities.—Collectors usually are interested in cheap stamps in catalogue price that are decidedly scarce and we have often reverted to examples of the kind. On this general subject, Mr. J. Arthur Wainwright, Morganton, North Carolina, writes: "In 1912, you published a series of letters from subscribers on hard-to-get stamps that catalogued under two dollars each, and as I had the honor of being the first one to send in a letter on the subject, I thought that you might like to know how I succeeded in filling my want-list as then set forth. I succeeded in obtaining two of the Bavarian delivery tax stamps from a friend who is a dealer

but when it came to the 100 centavos Bolivia, 1894, perforated 14½, he did not have it." After having tried dealer after dealer without result, a Boston dealer sent him a beautiful unused copy,—"but it had a hinge on it and that told the whole story. That particular stamp is not in stock used or unused, so far as I can find." Elsewhere, Mr. Wainwright gives his listing of the 1894 Bolivia. In this connection, we believe that the Peru, 1871-73, when it catalogued at forty cents in 1911 was the most popular stamp in this class.

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More.—That there are many obscure stamps catalogued low that are hard to get is to be expected as it may take a period of years sometimes to season or stabilize quotations. The old issues though, yield a quota of stamps in the same category, i. e., stamps much scarcer than the prices appended to them in the catalogue would lead one to infer; and, if, off-hand, we should be compelled to name a few we would proceed: Russia, 10k, 1858, watermarked, catalogued, \$1.00; Norway, 3s, 1863-66, \$3.00, and Austria, second issue, 2kr orange, \$4.00. We have followed these stamps for many years and in the aggregate have owned many copies of each of them. That these stamps are priced too low, comparatively speaking, cannot be gainsaid. Let the 2kr orange of Austria be cited, for instance. In Austria, the stamp is held in high regard and a dealer has told us that he was able to obtain but two copies of this stamp through his Viennese agent when his last order went in. For that matter, the stamp centered and in fine used condition would bring full catalogue from the collector here who appreciates the stamp's aloofness. It should be said, however, that as early as 1897, for instance, the stamp was listed at \$3.50, when the 3s gray lilac of Norway was priced at \$1.75 and the first perforated 10k of Russia, was quoted at sixty cents. We believe that the gradual disappearance from the common haunts of the market of stamps such as these, while not reflected in changed catalogue prices so promptly or so markedly as we might wish is yet recognized in the slow but steady advance; and really, under close analysis, a very good reason would have to be given for a strong and sudden increase in the price of an old-time stamp.

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Suggesting that the experience of the others in finding what they wanted would be interesting, I remain,

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CHAPTER XIII.*The Diamond Jubilee Issue.*

The year 1897 was an eventful one in the history of the British Empire, for on June 20th the greatly revered Queen Victoria celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of her accession to the throne. Naturally such an epochal event was marked in one way or another in even the most remote corners of the Empire. In some cases there were public celebrations and rejoicings with, perhaps the erection of memorials, while some of the colonies marked the event by the issue of special series of postage stamps. The Dominion of Canada commemorated the "Diamond Jubilee" by the issue of a highly ornate set of stamps comprising no less than sixteen different denominations, and the inclusion of what were widely termed "unnecessary" high values and the unbusinesslike and somewhat discreditable manner in which they were placed on sale by the Post Office Department cast a slur on Canada's postal history which took many years to live down.

Early in 1897 the idea of issuing a special series of stamps was mooted as witness the following extract from the *Weekly Philatelic Era* for January 30th:

Many suggestions are being made and many plans laid for the fitting celebration of the sixtieth year of Her Majesty's reign. In Canada . . . a proposal has been made and an agitation started for the issue of a commemorative set of postage stamps by the Dominion government. . . It has been suggested that the new stamps be made a trifle larger than the present ones, that a somewhat recent picture of Her Majesty replace the present one, and that the figures and colors be made more pronounced. . . The agitation for a new issue is quite pronounced and is by no means confined to philatelists. There appears to be a general desire on the part of the people to have a change.

At first the intention seems to have been to issue only a 3 cent stamp but, alas, this original intention was stifled like many other good ideas and the Departmental officials, giving their enthusiasm free rein, finally decided on a set to consist of sixteen denominations ranging all the way from 1/2c to five dollars. The announcement of the forthcoming issue of the stamps aroused so much general interest that the series formed the subject of a question in Parliament and according to the *Canadian Hansard*—the official and verbatim record of Parliamentary proceedings—the Postmaster-General (Mr. Muloch) replied to his interrogator as follows:—

It is the intention of the Government to issue a set of Jubilee postage stamps. Such stamps will be put into public use by being delivered to postmasters throughout Canada for sale to the public in the same manner as ordinary postage stamps are sold. There will be a limit to the quantity to be issued. The denominations of Jubilee stamps, and the total number of such Jubilee stamps to be issued, are set forth in the following schedule:

Number to be issued.	Denomination.
150,000	1/2c stamps.
8,000,000	1c "
2,500,000	2c "
20,000,000	3c "
750,000	5c "
75,000	6c "
200,000	8c "
150,000	10c "

100,000	15c stamps.
100,000	20c "
100,000	50c "
25,000	\$1 "
25,000	\$2 "
25,000	\$3 "
25,000	\$4 "
25,000	\$5 "
7,000,000	1c postcards.

Total value of one stamp of each kind \$16.21 1/2.

As soon as the total number of stamps mentioned in said schedule is issued the plates from which they will have been engraved will be destroyed in the presence of the head and two officers of the department. On the 10th of June the Post Office Department will proceed to supply Jubilee postage stamps to the principal post-offices in Canada, and through them minor post offices will obtain their supply until the issue is exhausted. If this Jubilee issue were to wholly displace the ordinary postage stamps it would supply the ordinary wants of the country for between two and three months, but as the use of the ordinary postage stamps will proceed concurrently with that of the Jubilee stamps, it is expected that the Jubilee stamps will last beyond the three months. Inasmuch as the department is already receiving applications for the purchase of Jubilee stamps, it may be stated that the department will adhere to the established practice of supplying them only to postmasters, and through them to the public, who may purchase them on and after the 19th June, 1897.

It will be noted that the Post-Office Department made no pretense about the matter but stated quite candidly that the issue would be limited and before very long, by means of different official notices and communications it was made quite plain that the issue was intended to sell and that restrictions would be placed on the scale of the more desirable values, which were issued in but small quantities. With the first supply of these stamps sent to postmasters the following circular was sent:—

N. B.—Requisitions for full sets of the Jubilee stamps will be filled until the issue is exhausted.—E. P. S.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CANADA,
 POSTAGE STAMP BRANCH,
 OTTAWA, June, 1897.

Sir:—I am directed by the Postmaster-General to send you herewith a supply of the Jubilee stamps and 1c post card, equal to one month's ordinary requirements of your office. Should this quantity prove insufficient it will, on your requisition addressed to this branch, be supplemented; but as the Jubilee issue is limited, it would be necessary for you to apply early in order to secure further supplies of the same.

I am also to instruct you not to sell any of the accompanying stamps or postcards before the opening of your office at the regular office hours on the 19th June instant—the eve of the anniversary they are intended to commemorate.

These stamps and cards are, of course, like the ordinary issues, to be sold at face value.

I am, Sir, Your Obedient Servant
 E. P. STANTON, Superintendent.

P. S.—As there appears to be a somewhat general desire on the part of many persons to purchase, for souvenir purposes, complete sets of the Jubilee stamps, it is hoped that you will so manage the sale of such stamps that persons applying to pur-

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The stamps were placed on sale throughout the Dominion on the morning of Saturday, the 19th of June the eve of Jubilee day proper. Naturally there was a big rush on the part of the public to obtain specimens of the much heralded stamps and in the larger centres the post offices were literally besieged. Speculators tried to corner the 1/2c and 6c denominations, which advance particulars had shown to be the most desirable of the lower values, but the stamps were doled out carefully and large orders were promptly and firmly refused. But though care was exercised the department was convinced, from the result of the first day's sale, that steps would have to be taken to further restrict the sale of the desirable denominations. The demand for the stamps at the chief office was so great that a circular letter was prepared to be despatched to applicants, this reading as follows:—

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CANADA,
 POSTAGE STAMP BRANCH,
 OTTAWA, 26th June, 1897.

Sir,—With reference to the numerous demands upon this office for the 1/2c and 6c Jubilee stamps, I am directed to explain that the respective quantities of Jubilee stamps ordered bear, relatively, the same proportions to the actual requirements of the Postal Service, but the tendency to exhaust the HALVES and SIXES has increased to such a degree, that it has become necessary to restrict their sale to the purchasers of full sets. Hence I am to express the Postmaster-General's regret that he is unable, having regard to the limited character of the

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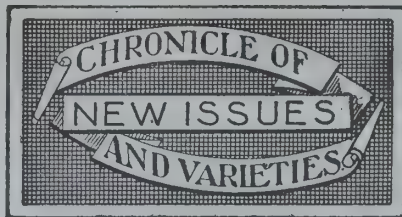
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Edited by **HENRY A. KIDDER.**

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address **HENRY A. KIDDER**, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—William H. Webb has shown us an oddity. It is a postal savings 2c stamped envelope which has had the penalty legend printed across the stamp, while the original return card has been obliterated with a large black overprint, and this new card just below: "Post Office Department—Washington—Official Business." Economy at Washington! Wonders will never cease.

Ivan L. Butters reports having in his collection a copy of the 2c brown, 1883 issue, as described by Gardner in MEKEEL's of April 29th and mentioned by Harry Gilchrist and Geo. W. Bye in issue of May 20.

BARBADOS.—J. A. Galbraith has now shown us the complete set of stamps, with King George in the role of "Rule Britannia." All are of the same design and size. The description of the 1d in No. 1330, applies to all.

Adhesives.

- 1d brown.
- 1d yellow green.
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- 6d red violet.
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- 2sh violet on blue.

CHILE.—George J. Carter submits a specimen of the lithographed 1c stamp, which we appear to have omitted to chronicle.

Adhesive.

1c gray green.

FRANCE.—Offices in Egypt.—D. C. Alexander has shown us a cover from Alexandria, Egypt, franked with French Alexandria stamps. Not only was the outside cover opened and closed by the censor, but the enclosed envelope containing stamps was similarly censored. Incidentally there were abstracted from the parcel a part of the stamps enclosed, valued at 6 francs. Who wouldn't be a censor? Talk about the safety of the mails!

HONDURAS.—George J. Carter has shown us a specimen of the 5c "Teatro Bonilla" stamp vertically imperforate.

PANAMA.—Another of our old "Paquebot" friends has turned up, this time on a cover from Panama with a 2c Balboa stamp, but postmarked at New Orleans. As usual the "Paquebot" is done with a rubber stamp. D. C. Alexander sends the cover for examination.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

CHEMICAL FORGERIES OF THE ROMANIAN 5 BANI BLUE ERROR.

By **PHIL DENGLER.**

Many of these forged errors have found a place in medium as well as advanced collections and have never been doubted by their respective owners. This forgery can easily be detected and recognized, mainly by the color of the paper. The genuine error is on a creamish ivory white paper, the chemically changed or forged error is always on bluish-white paper.

An unfailing test is the comparison of doubtful copies with the 10 bani blue of same issue (1876) from which plate the original error was printed. If color of paper does not harmonize, the forgery is proved beyond doubt.

The origin of this bluish-white paper is found in the 5 bani green (1879) from which these forgeries are made.

For the printing of this stamp at least three different compositions of ink were used, yellow green, bluish-green and dark bright green and it seems that only the bluish-green shades react in the chemical changing process. It is to be noted that the paper of the bluish-green shades is always bluish-white, while the yellow-green shades are on creamish white. As all other values of this issue (1876) were printed on creamy white paper, it is not likely that a genuine bluish tinted paper was used for this one value or shade, and its existence must, therefore, be attributed to the chemical influence of the printing ink. This obstacle, the forgers have not been able to overcome, less to produce that soft cream paper of the originals. The printing ink of the 10 bani blue, from sky-blue to ultramarine, never affected or changed the color of the paper; it is always creamy white, and it is logical that the error cannot be but the same.

The color of these forged errors is in most cases a bright sky-blue, sometimes also approaching nearly the dull blue of the originals. The reprint of this error in full sheets (1880), can be recognized by its bright dark blue color and the smooth, glossy appearance of surface. (Originals dull surface.)

The means of detecting forgeries are not exhausted by the test of paper, others exist (see *Phila. Stamp News*, Vol. IV, No. 47, Page 831) which, however, require minute study of the different issues and printings of these stamps.

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SOME EXPERIENCES AND A MORAL.

By E. CULLIS.

(His name really is not Cullis, but the facts given will touch a responsive chord in the minds of many. The article is from the standpoint of the collector though we are well aware that the dealer also has his troubles. What is needed generally is a toning up of the morals of society so that honesty will not become a lost art. The incidents connected with the last experience herein described are familiar to us and we are sorry to say that it concerns a Massachusetts dealer, who, however does not advertise in the WEEKLY.—Ed.)

A copy of the A. P. S. membership list came to me, the other day, and, casually looking through its pages, one name caught my eye,—the name of a dealer who, more than thirty years ago, nearly broke my boyish heart, temporarily obliterated my love for stamps, and destroyed my youthful faith in human integrity. It was my first experience with the greed—alas! much too insatiable!—of the dealer who cared more to grasp a bargain than to be just or even generous enough to make a friend.

To this dealer of yester-year I sent my little hoard of stamps, with the request that he send me "what it is worth to you." Impatiently I waited his reply. Would he send me as much as eight dollars? I would accept six, but how much I hoped for the greater sum! In due time a letter came. I opened it tremulously. Out dropped a brief note: "The stamps are worth fifty cents to me, which sum I enclose in unused one cent stamps."

The passing years have not softened my sense of wrong, and of the many dollars spent for stamps since that dark day not one has gone to this fellow.

It is a long leap from those days to the later dealer who found in me a friend in his dire need. The sum which helped to set him up in business,—a business which paid him well and gave him living for several years,—destroyed our friendship and left me again to feel the way of finance not wholly uncrowned with thorns. His perfidy, however, had its nemesis in later loss of friends, business, credit.

The hours of leisure of this the twilight of life I have devoted more or less assiduously, when the spirit moved, to increasing my stamp collection. It is of these experiences, though only in a general way, I would speak.

I am a purist in collecting. I seek perfection. My orders almost invariably bore this proviso. Yet I have had reputable firms with whom I have done business try to turn the trick by slipping in a reperfected stamp,—an expertly repaired copy,—or one with a minute defect. Sometimes the price equaled the crime. One time I wrote firmly and to the point. The dealer was insulted. Did I accuse him of fraud? Of deliberate falsification? I certainly did. Then, he would have me to know, he sold his stamps at a price which showed at once their comparative condition. As I had previously paid him a good price for a thirty cents Navy, which had been reperfected south, as my glass disclosed, I felt he was wabbling on the point at issue, and this one lucrative source of revenue ceased for him with our correspondence.

Another concern sent me, unsolicited, a book of stamps from which several had been already removed. I sent them a money order for those I retained. They wrote, demanding pay for stamps I had never seen in the book,—stamps which, enumerated by them, I never even collected and could have no use for under any circumstances. I paid under protest.

Another concern from whom I purchased several dollars worth of stamps, after the lapse of two months, sent me a bill. I knew I had paid for the stamps at the time, but nevertheless, I sent a check at once. Later, I found my post office money order receipt, and investigation showed it had been paid to the firm in question. I wrote them at once. They sent an apologetic letter, and a check for the amount, less ten cents for collection on my check!

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much to possess. I sent them the amount in silver, well protected. Their reply was that they were charging my account (which by the way I did not carry) with the sum, as I had forgotten to enclose it, and sending the pamphlet. It did not come. I sent the concern the price of another copy, and also paid again for the one which never came. I may say that it was worth the three prices, which fact they are welcome to state in their advertising!

My last and most bitter experience was with a dealer who ardently solicited me to allow him to sell my entire collection on a commission basis. I yielded, he said, against my better judgment. He had been established several years, was fairly well known, and inquiry showed him to bear a reputation for probity. I sent the collection. Returns were prompt for a month or two. Then there was little doing. Then I was treated to a few months of silence. I was advised by a friend in the business to get at once all of the unsold portion of the collection. This I succeeded in doing after vexatious delay and vague promises.

When I opened the package containing the sheets on which the collection had been remounted, I was astounded. More than sixty per cent of the stamps returned as mine had never been in my collection. All my rarities (I had Canada complete, and Cape of Good Hope nearly so, besides Chile complete, specialized) besides many others, were gone. Of my United States, of which I had among other gems, a pair of the five cents 1847, five copies of the New York Postmaster's, 1845, and some beautiful things besides, were missing. A few common stamps and some new to me replaced them. British colonials in unused condition were in profusion, but as I collected only used stamps, these did not seem more than utter strangers to me. To add to the indignity, several counterfeits and many reprints had found place on the sheets. And of my fine collection of U. S. revenues, one solitary stamp, worth a few cents, represented the entire collection!

I wrote at once to the mis-dealer. His only refuge was in denial. I found myself poorer by \$700 to \$800 cash outlay, but richer in experience. I shall cherish the flotsam of my treasures, however, and seek to rebuild that which has been torn from me as if by travail.

Is all this only proof positive that honesty is almost unknown in the stamp trade? Is integrity a dead virtue? Is the fellow who can rob one and "get away with it" reckoned an astute business man? I cannot wholly believe it, in spite of my varied experiences.

I would ask in finality to those of our dealers who may read these little experiences to pause long enough to commune with their own souls, and decide which has paid the better,—the knowledge of honest upright dealing, or the lapses which the wooing dollar have caused in the battles for principle. And so deciding, may they act. Their reward may be only in the doing. Then, say I, if done at all, let it be well done.

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I am also to ask you to use your best judgment in the sale of these sets, checking, as far as possible, any attempt on the part of speculators to monopolise them, and thus securing as general distribution of such sets in your vicinity as the circumstances may permit. To enable you to make change in connection with the sale of the enclosed sets I include a sufficient quantity of ordinary ½c postage stamps.

I may add that the accompanying supply has been based strictly upon the annual revenue of your office, and, having regard to the total number of sets available and the extent of their distribution, represents that proportion to which you are entitled.

I am, Sir, Your Obedient Servant,
E. P. STANTON, Superintendent.

So anxious did the department show itself in its efforts to circumnavigate the speculator, and so obvious was the fact that the Jubilee stamps were issued, like our own Columbian stamps, for the pecuniary profit the Government would derive from their sale, that it is small wonder that the series was condemned and discredited by the philatelic press almost universally. The following extract from the *Monthly Journal* for June, 1897, is typical of many:—

We are indebted to various correspondents for papers and cuttings with reference to the Jubilee issue of this Colony which will have taken place by the time this is in print. While acknowledging that the design of the stamps appears to be a very handsome and appropriate one, we feel bound to add that the affair possesses no other redeeming feature whatever. The Canadian Government has made a new contract for the supply of stamps, etc.

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with an American firm, which will apparently involve a new issue of stamps within a short time. If the occasion had been taken for the issue of a permanent series appropriate to the Jubilee year, nothing could have been more agreeable to philatelists throughout the British Empire; but to bring out a set of labels, including unnecessarily high values and printed in limited numbers, to be issued concurrently with the present stamps, is to reproduce all the most objectionable features of the unnecessary and speculative emissions, which we all desire to put an end to. We cannot expect that on such an occasion as this loyal British subjects will be able to abstain altogether from purchasing Jubilee mementoes of this description, but we would most strongly recommend them to be satisfied with copies of one or two of the lower values. Outside the British Empire we trust that this discreditable issue will fall as flat as it deserves.

To add to the unsavory tale we have only to say that there was much scandal on account of the openly expressed statements that the desirable values were, in many instances, cornered by postal employees who had, of course, "first option" on the supplies reaching their respective offices. Thus, in the *Philatelic Messenger* of New Brunswick, we read:

But now that the stamps have been issued in certain given numbers and in the Postmaster-General's peculiar way, where are they? That is what a great many want to know and that is a question which must be answered. I know where some of them are. I had a letter from a postmaster's son at a small office in Quebec, asking me what I would give for 45 8c Jubilee stamps. I had a letter from an office in P. E. Island, asking my prices for ½, 6, and 8c Jubilee stamps. Collectors in the principal cities of the Dominion have seen whole sheets of ½c stamps in the possession of post-office employees. These little incidents may give one some idea where the stamps

are. I also have a pretty good idea where the stamps are not. A prominent Toronto dealer laid \$100 on the stamp counter the first day of sale, and was tendered two specimens of the ½c and 6c stamps. At Montreal, Toronto, St. Johns, Halifax, and all the principal cities, not more than two specimens of the ½, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20 and 50c stamps were sold to the same person, that is, of course, outside the post-office staff. I have it on good authority that there is not a stamp dealer in Canada who has 100 of the ½c value unless he happens to be a post-office employé also. The stamps are not in the dealers' stock books then, for they have not been able to get them. I wrote to Fredericton the other day for a few 10, 15, 20 and 50c stamps and the postmaster returned the money and said they could be supplied only in complete sets. One meets with the same reception at nearly every post office. What were the stamps made for if not to be sold to the public as the public wants them? What would be thought of a furniture store where one could not purchase a table or a chair but must take a whole set? The thing is ridiculous.

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CHAPTER X.

General Remarks.

As the result of previous articles, I find considerable interest shown in this grill subject. Not a few are asking pointed, and, generally, intelligent questions. Some find the remarks so far made are too technical and detailed. Others call for still more details and a still more technical and mechanical study. In writing these articles I have not by any means exhausted the subject or my own notes on hand. I wished to lay the foundations for further study and to indicate to collectors in general the possibilities of a reasonably complete understanding of the grills as subjects for their collecting. I will not at present attempt a fuller treatment. That must wait for further study of essays, etc., and some time someone can try to work out the final treatment of this subject. I will, however, add a few remarks on particular matters that have come up in correspondence with collectors.

Cylinders Used—How many cylinders were used to produce the normal issued grills of the three issue periods?

I don't know. It is of extreme importance to understand to begin with that there were a certain number of cylinders, and no more. As we gain added information we may possibly be able to absolutely limit those known. Here is the way this matter now appears to me.

Cylinder No. 1—The female cylinder. Appears entire in the essays and in the A grill as issued experimentally in 1867. Appears further in the B and C grills as issued and in essays in the C sizes.

Cylinder No. 2—Pin-point grill. Appears only in essays. Used apparently only in 1867. May be earlier than No. 1 but not probably.

Cylinder No. 3—Truncated pyramid grill. Appears entire in essays of 1867 period. Very possible, if not probable, that this appears again in the 1870 period. See later.

(It is possible but improbable that a

Cylinder was made for the grilling of the plain shield on essays made according to the patent requirements. Until we know more about this item we can leave out this possible cylinder.)

Cylinder No. 4—Cross grill cylinder. Apparently produced the D grills and part of the E grills.

Cylinder No. 5—Cross grill. Produced the Z grill only, as shown both on essays and on issued stamps.

Cylinder No. 6—Cross grill. Produced the F grills and possibly part of the E grills.

(Note.—As regards the Cylinders No. 4 and No. 6, I do not as yet say that two cylinders, or more, were used to produce the D, E, and F families. Two seem indicated by present evidence. More than two may have been used but not at all probably.)

Cylinders No. 7 and No. 8—Produced the G grills of the 1869 period as issued.

The 1870 period is still a problem. The work is not at all good as issued. Nothing seems to indicate that they made nice new cylinders for this period. The indications to date are that they used a revision of a previous cylinder, say the No. 4, for making the H grills, and it is almost certain that they dug up and stripped in the two directions the No. 3 cylinder for the I grills. As previously noted, the H-2 and I-2 grills seem to come from these same cylinders after a recutting of the grooves each way to produce better penetration.

These manufacturers were not making grills for their health. They made no cylinders except for business purposes during these issue periods. All the cylinders of 1867 are truly experimental in efforts to produce better results. The 1869 grills are about the nearest we find them getting to a final solution. The 1870 grills are very certainly not experimental and are probably simply attempts to "get-by" with an imitation of grilling.

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Yes, There is quite a bit we don't know yet. See if you can do your share toward the final solution of our grills.

Pressing-Out of Grills.—There seems to be a general notion, not strictly an idea, that all grill impressions were pressed out, *intentionally*, as a part of the manufacturing process. There is no evidence to indicate this, quite the contrary. It is certain that the earliest experiments contemplated this. Such experiments were certainly made, the idea being, at that time, that the printing was to be done on previously embossed paper. As a manufacturing process, this later certainly became an unnecessary, and largely an undesirable step. Beginning with some of the E grills, it is fairly certain that embossing always came after printing on unembossed paper. The pressing out became unnecessary and undesirable and is indicated by nothing whatever in the nature of evidence. After that family, faintness of impression is due largely to faulty impression, originally, not to later intentional removal. It is, of course, certain that mightily few embossings are as strong as when they left the grilling mechanism. There were several pressings, in addition to storings, to tend to partly remove depth of impressions.

Except in the issued female grills, issued grills were not generally thus processed. Forget it.

Regarding Faintness.—It is frequently stated, especially with regard to the 1870 grills, that faintness of impression is in favor of the genuineness of a certain specimen. This is silly. Nothing is in favor of any grill except what can be seen with the eye or with a glass and the eye. Faintness naturally obscures definiteness and is not, of itself, of the slightest value as evidence. The grills are an impossible study except as "footprints" of the rectangle of grilling units from which they came. Get that fixed in mind.

Gumming and Grilling.—As indicated in Steel's patent, Steel fully understood that his embossing, if successful, required that the sheets should be gummed before embossing. So fully did he un-

derstand this that he claimed as one of the advantages of his scheme that a stamp so embossed could not be successfully re-gummed for a second use without the gum coming through on the face of the stamp. This, in connection with the original printing on embossed paper made the original process that of Gumming, then Embossing, and last Printing. This shows in the female grills with certainty and possibly extends, as before remarked, into the D and Z families, to the "dry" printings of that period.

Experiments were tried in 1867 in gumming previously embossed paper in efforts to make the gumming come last. They were not fully successful. There seems to be no evidence among actually issued stamps that this was followed, quite the contrary. In general, they gummed their sheets before grilling them. Look for yourselves.

Z Grill on 15c 1867.—Is the Z grill to be found on the 15c, 1867? I don't know, but I do know that it is extremely doubtful. The Z grill was evidently used on issued stamps only up to about March, 1868, as the latest, possibly not after February, 1868. Grilling of the 15c did not begin before about May, 1868. It is highly improbable that anyone will find this value showing the Z grill.

1c With D Grill?—The 1c has been reported as issued with the D grill, or rather, as showing the catalogue size 12x14 mm. There is no present reason to believe that it exists with the D grill. Examination of such a specimen will probably show the Z grill in about this area of grill. Look it up. I have a 1c in the Z grill and it would probably be listed, under the catalogue, as 12x14. Yes, it is quite rare.

5c and 30c Entire Grills.—I have seen some 5c and 30c showing entire grill. They are very evidently essays, not issued stamps. Has anyone any real evidence that they were ever issued, or used, before about 1890? Sure! They are quite good for postage today.

Cancellation after Grilling.—Used copies occasionally bear their own proof that they were canceled after grilling, in other words, that they were grilled before cancellation. This has mighty little evidential value, except where every other item of evidence is also favorable. Not a few of the best fakes were made on unused stamps that were then sent through the mails, and may even be found on cover. The same identical fake grills may be found on stamps not printed before 1890, as on the 1890 issue and even on the Columbian issue.

In a much earlier article in the *Collector's Journal*, I called attention to a 7c, 1870, that I had purchased, showing a grill about 9x11 mm. I have now identified this to my own satisfaction as a perfectly genuine fake, a fake made apparently to apply to the high values of the 1867 period. It was numerous so applied and is a most dangerous counterfeit grill, possibly the most dangerous one for collectors not absolutely familiar with the normals.

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By JOSEPH LOWELL.

To a neutral, one of the most notice-
able results during a world-wide war
such as is raging at the present time is
the marked interruption or actual sus-
pension of mail service between the
various nations on the face of the earth.
Steamship schedules in general are sud-
denly discontinued and the outlying pro-
vinces and insular possessions of many
countries are left without any certain
means of communication with the outer
world. In many of the countries actu-
ally engaged in war the railroad service
itself is most seriously affected and the
same result follows. The public as a
whole has been aware of a disrupted
state of postal service abroad during the
past two years either through reading
casual paragraphs in our papers or
through experiencing personal losses or
delays but it remains for philatelists,
collectors of stamps on the entire cover
to learn of the real trouble and pains
many countries must go to today in
order to continue any kind of postal
service, however poor it may be. It is
not natural for a people used to the
modern order of things to remain in
isolation, and therefore there are now
many and curious means of communi-
cation employed abroad today which
would never have been countenanced by
a service-loving public a few years ago.
Cover collecting has always appealed to
me on account of the mute story each
cover tells but not until I began asking
myself "What do my war-time covers
tell?" did I fully realize what really
could be learned from them. How many
readers know that it now takes as long
as seven months for a letter to reach
America from Papua, that it takes four
months to hear from the Gilbert and El-
lice Is., three months from the Falk-
lands, eighteen months from Thibet via
India, fourteen months from Afghanis-
tan via camel post to India, six months
from interior Persia via Petrograd and
that it has taken as long as ten months
for a letter from Constantinople to
reach its destination in America? These
are but a few of the interrupted mail
service stories that my covers tell me.
What else do they tell? Everyone has
heard of censored mail, yet how many
people know to what extent this has
been done? Did you know that most
of the mail from Greece is censored on
French warships, that France and Italy
censor Switzerland's mail, that mail
from China, Persia, Siam, the Dutch
East Indies and other neutral countries,
including the Scandinavian, almost in-
variably comes censored by England? There
are thousands of distinctive
styles of censor stamps and labels. It
is no wonder that they are "all the go"
abroad. But did you know that even
seemingly similar marks, etc., are differ-
ent in order to enable officials to locate
the censor using any one? This has
helped many people to recover things,
such as enclosures, etc., lost from the
envelope while the contents were being
examined. The fact that there are
over seventy censors in the Soudan
alone shows that a vast army of these
people must be employed in that capaci-
ty. Did you know that most of the mail
from Germany and her allies comes via
Scandinavia, that mail from northern
Persia reaches us via Petrograd, and
that many other similar round-about
routes are now employed? These are
but a few of the things I have learned
from my war covers. Hundreds of
facts of a similar nature could be given
for each one has a story all its own. Is
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hundred from most dealers at very mod-
erate prices. One need not spend a
large amount to secure a very repre-
sentative and exceedingly interesting as-
sortment. When one has them, what
fun it is to read their stories! One can
learn more postal history from a dozen
late foreign covers than can be learned
from all newspapers put together. Why
not buy a few and ask yourself, "What
do my war-time covers tell?"

THE CHARM OF STAMP COLLECTING.

By RAYMOND V. SEAMAN.

There is a charm to stamp collecting.
That word describes the feeling better
than any other. It is however, a feel-
ing of a changeable sort, one that has
its certain phases and periods just as
man has his "seven ages."

The first period comes upon most of
us when in our youth. It then has its
greatest real charm, for it fascinates,
enchants and holds us in its grip. Then
a stamp is a stamp,—something to be
treasured along with rabbits, puppies
and birds-eggs. It matters not if it be
torn or off center—it has come from
far away lands which were only known
through story books before. This tan-
gible evidence of their existence brings
them much closer to us and we some-
how feel that we now understand them
better. The bright bits of paper also
speak of boundless fields of snow, of
ancient cities, of glittering rivers, and
of men and women who have changed the
destinies of nations. A history of the
world for the past fifty years could be
written with the use of postage stamps.

And now the second period is upon
us. The change is gradual, unrealized,
and yet it comes inexorably. So the
boy grows into manhood and leaves the
golden days of his life behind—yet it is
long before he realizes it. It is better
so. Romance now is gone from col-
lecting, that indefinable vague something
which thrilled the heart at the sight of
a foreign stamp—that brought to our
minds thoughts of bygone days and old-
world loves and hates. Something else
has taken its place, perhaps of a finer
grain, it would be difficult to say.

We now have a desire to study stamps
to learn as much as possible about them
and to acquire as many as we can. In-
cidentally, we learn much of the history
of the country which they represent.
At this time our own nation's stamps
are beginning to take a prominent place
in our thoughts. Formerly foreign
stamps had precedence. And another
door is opened into greater happiness!

Soon the time comes when we think
seriously of going into the stamp busi-
ness—some of us do—a few remain, and
find a pleasant vocation. Next in line
is the issuance of a stamp paper. And
the thousand or so that have come and
vanished over night haven't hurt Phi-
latelly any.

And now the day of specialism has
arrived,—new joys open before us.
Here completeness may be attained and
the personal touch added which makes
the collection of the true philatelist so
individual in character.

In concluding, therefore, it may be
well to state for the benefit of those
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the paper of the chemicals contained in
the ink used for printing. In those parts
of the stamps where there was little ink
like in the portrait the bluish tint is more
or less absent, causing the head to ap-
pear more or less white. This staining
differs considerably in depths of shad-
ing. The untinted portrait—and in con-
sequence the whole stamp—bears the
name of "ivory head" and can be told
either by looking at the front or at the
back (but it is plainer at the back). In
the front the background appears almost
solid, the white spots showing up very
little, while the Queen's head appears
almost white, with a slight glazed ap-
pearance, making the features hard to
discern plainly. When viewed from the
back (the stamp being placed flat) in
the 1d the head is seen through the pa-
per, appearing faintly as a yellowish
green or bluish yellow head while the
rest of the stamp is undiscernible.
When an "ivory head" is held to the
light, the head shews through the stamp
far more than the rest of the stamp does,
where as in an ordinary specimen the
whole of the stamp appears through to
the same degree. In the 2d stamp the
"ivory head" appears even more plain
than in the 1d stamp and shews up
whiter.

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EDITORIAL.

Activity—We have never experienced a summer season in philately when interest in stamps has held so strongly into midsummer as during the present time. For some weeks past, it has been customary to say in explanation of the pleasant circumstance that the activity was due to the backward arrival of warm weather, but now that waves of torridity are breaking over us and no complete and sudden abatement of interest follows, what shall we say? It does not seem to be emphatic enough merely to voice the bromidic opinion that the philatelic seasons, hot and cold, are becoming more equable.

Primeval—The following contribution to the curious annals of mankind is made by Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, who rescued it from the pages of the Shelby, Ky., *Record*: "A few days ago, George Terrell, of Anderson County, walked into the postoffice at Sparrow and asked Postmaster Mitchell if he had such a thing as a 2-cent stamp, explaining that he wanted to mail a letter and that he had been told that he would have to have a stamp. He said that he was 32 years old and that was the first stamp he had ever purchased and the first letter he had ever mailed." Here is a subject for a "human epic" from the pen of the philatelist who has been brought up on postage stamps.

Mail—The censored mails are in full flood and many an interesting cover is being laid aside by collectors. Italy is now using a great variety of markings and German mail originating in and postmarked Hamburg has been received with the British censor marks. We call attention to an article in this number elsewhere by Joseph Lowell on an allied topic, the mails in war-time.

Brevity—A postmaster writes that each stamp of the Sonora set, coach type, was surcharged Baja Cal. (Lower California). It will be remembered that Mr. Hugh C. Barr, Buffalo, told us of the existence of this surcharge well over a year ago and that we illustrated the 5c with this overprint. Mr. Edwin B. Hill, Mesa, Arizona, shows that the registered railroad label is no new thing. He has one dated in 1907—De-

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troit, Toledo & Ironton Ry. Co. Bill Bloss is now home from a vacation.

Antiquated—We have received with the compliments of Mr. C. M. Eames, Jacksonville, Illinois, Volume I, Number 6 of *The Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette*, St. John, New Brunswick, dated November, 1865. During its brief tenure of existence, this old journal was the equal of any of the others published during the same period, on our continent, but viewed through the haze of more than fifty years, its philatelic characteristics take on quaint forms. The fact that the editor was so self-sufficient as to assume a somewhat quizzical or detached air when it came to the consideration of philately in the "States" did not make the *Gazette* the warmest of favorites on our side of the boundary but from a journalistic view the contents were well-balanced and of good quality. Editorially, "Stamp Collecting" is discussed and the familiar note of congratulation, rung in thousands of different keys since, is sounded: "It is pleasant to notice the advance that has been made in stamp collecting during the last few years. Well do we remember the first indications of this spirit especially among the young persons of our population, spirit of emulation, enterprise and rivalry actuated the minds of all and he was to be envied who possessed the largest and most unique collection. The minds of those thus employed were stimulated to some good purpose; habits of patience, perseverance and assiduity would be formed and he would be rewarded who regarded the task as one of love and laboured diligently in it. Nor do we believe that the stamp business of stamp collecting at the present time has in any way depreciated. But on the contrary, we think that it has materially advanced," and so on down the much-traveled philatelic verbal highway.

Extracts—The new issues in *The Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette* of 1865, included the type-set Hawaiians, Vancouver's Island, the first set of Bermuda, British Columbia, and the publisher is gracious enough to acknowledge the supremacy of a stamp album published in Hartford: "The best American album we have yet seen is one manufactured in Hartford, and is really a beautiful article as regards workmanship, style and finish. It can be purchased in Boston at a moderate sum. We advise all stamp collectors to secure one. An album well filled with rare and valuable stamps is a beautiful souvenir which all lovers of art should carefully prize." Further, the wish is expressed somewhat dolorously that the superfluity of stamps will not deter the young collector "from securing well-filled al-

bums." If the editor spoke in this way in 1865, what would he or his shade say in 1916 on this subject when it is commonly argued that the many cheap stamps that are available are an inducement to collecting? There is a philatelic puzzle department and the inevitable answers to correspondents; and philatelic fiction has place. In fact, "Lawrence Danton, the Man of Feeling," was "written expressly for the *Gazette*." The title suggests Bulwer-Lytton and the story is one of those comfortable, conversational ones in which philately is dragged in rather unceremoniously.

Ads—Among the advertisers in the old *Gazette* were A. C. Kline, Philadelphia, who had just published the third edition of his *Stamp Collectors' Manual*; A. B. Mason, a Chicago dealer, who offered his *Coin & Stamp Journal*, and T. J. Church of New York City who advertised from 36 Liberty street. The United States dealer with the largest advertisement was G. W. Winterburn & Co., N. E. Cor. 4th & Vine streets, Cincinnati, Ohio, who had a 28 page catalogue listing nearly 1700 stamps, for sale at 15 cents and who gave a written guarantee with some of his scarcer stamps. The Canadian advertisers were numerous and references to the pence issues of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, etc., which had recently become obsolete, were plentiful. One of the offerings was a collection of 1,000 stamps in a Lallier album, including the "full sets, old issue, N. B. and N. S." for \$80.00.

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POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE CANAL ZONE.

By WILLIAM EVANS.

TEN CENTS YELLOW, 1904-6 (Continued).

Third Printing—This printing was issued early in 1906, and consisted of 20,000 stamps. The Canal Zone surcharge of the III stage of the setting does not vary from the same stage of the other values, but the latest information tends to the belief that two Panama printings, known as the fifth and sixth, were included in the sheets sent to the Zone authorities. These differ from each other in the shade of the surcharge and in having the spelling "PAMANA" upon one and not upon the other. Otherwise they are the same. The varieties which are common to both printings are: Inverted "M" on Nos. 24 and 29, "PANAMA" 16 mm. instead of 15 mm. on the right of Nos. 25 and 30, "PANAMA" 1 1/2 mm. below the bar on Nos. 92 to 94 and 97 to 99 of the fifth, and 92, 95 and 97-100 of the sixth. The "A" of "PANAMA" touching the bar on the left of Nos. 91 and 96.

A double surcharge of the former printing is known, but not of the latter. Dr. Perry says of this:
 "This occurred in the third printing, four vertical rows. Only 40 copies were printed."

10c Panama surcharge double.
 a—10c with error "PAMANA" in double surcharge (1 copy known).
 b—10c with inverted "M" in double surcharge (2 copies only).

This statement at first glance appears puzzling, since the inverted "M" occurs on numbers 24 and 29, and the "PAMANA" on numbers 95 and 100, it seems unlikely that two copies of the former and only one of the latter could be included in the double surcharge, as the printing of the surcharge was done in vertical panes of fifty stamps. A talk with Dr. Perry has, however, thrown some light upon the subject. He is positive that only one sheet received the double surcharge and that only four vertical rows of the sheet were included in it. He also thinks that the above mentioned errors did not occur double upon the same stamp but that one of them was found in connection with three normal spellings of "PANAMA," and that "PAMANA" occurred upon the 96th stamp in single surcharge. These things being so, it is probable that the left half of the sheet first received an impression covering all of its stamps. Then when the right half was printed the sheet was placed in a wrong position in the press and the sixth row escaped the surcharge. Then, in order to make the surcharge appear upon this row, the sheet was again placed in the press in such a position that the imprint which would normally fall upon the left half of the sheet, came in this instance upon the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth rows. This would cause the inverted "M" to fall upon the 24th and 25th stamps in connection with three normal spellings in each instance. "PAMANA" would be found upon the 95th stamp with three normal spellings and upon the 96th stamp in single surcharge. The end of the bar would fall upon the sixth row, giving this row the same appearance as one would expect to find on the fifth row of an ordinary sheet. In addition to these errors there must have been the one with "A" touching the bar on the 92nd stamp, "PANAMA" 16 mm. long on the 25th stamp, and "PANAMA" 1 1/2 mm. below the bar on the 92nd, 93rd and 94th stamps. The 91st stamp would show the "A" touching the bar but it would be in single surcharge. The margin at the right, if the sheet had one, would show the imprint which, under the usual conditions, would have fallen upon the tenth vertical row. In

addition to these errors there must also have been the broken letter errors of the "CANAL ZONE" surcharge in combination with double "PANAMA" surcharge.

It is possible that another sheet received the double surcharge, which escaped the notice of Dr. Perry, since Mr. Toppan informs the writer that he has had several blocks and several pairs with double surcharge and that with two exceptions these have all had the stamp with single surcharge at the left, that this stamp was number six in the row, and that the exceptions noted had the double surcharge on all the stamps so that it could not be told from what position in the sheet they had come. Judging from this data the double imprint must have fallen upon the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th rows of this sheet. The errors appearing upon such a sheet would be, inverted "M" on numbers 29 and 30, "PAMANA" on number 100, "PANAMA" 16 mm. long on number 30, and "PANAMA" 1 1/2 mm. from the bar on numbers 97, 98, 99 and 100. The "ZONE" in antique type would also be found on number 48. This sheet, like the one described above, would have the margin at the right, if it existed, showing the imprint which should have fallen upon the tenth vertical row. None of the errors mentioned in this connection, except those which could have existed on the other sheet, have been reported, and it is thought best not to list them until they are known to be in existence.

The list of this printing is:
 10c yellow, carmine or orange red surcharge, wide bar.
 a—"PAMANA" (95, 100).
 b—"PANAWA" (24-29) (24, 29).
 c—"PANAMA" 16 mm. (25, 30) (25, 30).
 d—"PANAMA" 1 1/2 mm. below bar (92 to 94, 97 to 99) (92 to 95, 97 to 100).
 e—"A" touches bar (91, 96).
 f—Panama surcharge double.
 a—"PAMANA" in double surcharge.
 b—"PANAWA" double surcharge.
 c—"PANAMA" 16 mm.
 d—"A" touches bar.
 f—"PANAMA" 1 1/2 mm. from bar.
 g—"Z" broken (32) 1 copy.
 h—"E" broken (33) 1 copy.
 i—"L" broken (42) 1 copy.
 g—"ZONE" antique type (26) (26).
 h—"L" broken (42) (42).
 i—"Z" broken (32) (32).
 j—"E" broken (33) (33).
 k—"N" broken (65) (65).

Fourth Printing—This printing comprised 20,000 stamps and was issued in June, 1906. The Panama surcharge is still that of the fourth type with the wide bar. The shade of the ink, however, is of a dark red differing considerably from that of all of the other printings of this stamp and is quite distinctive. All of the errors of this surcharge have been corrected so that there are no varieties of it.

There seem to have been two settings of the Canal Zone surcharge, both of which are used for this issue viz., the IV and V stages.

The list of this stamp is:
 10c yellow, dark red surcharge, wide bar.
 a—"CANAL" antique type (IV-V-26).
 b—"ZONE" antique type (IV-V-26).
 c—"L" broken (IV-42).
 d—"E" broken (IV-V-33).
 e—"Z" broken (IV-32).
 f—"N" broken (IV-65).
 g—"N" antique type (V-42).
 h—"Z" antique type (V-32).
 i—"N" antique type (V-65).

CHAPTER VII.—Fourth Series.

This series consists of two values, a two cents and an eight cents.

Two Cents.

This stamp is the same as the one used for the first series but has the Panama surcharge of the fourth type, and the surcharge is in two shades, carmine and vermilion, the latter being more common than the dark shade. It was issued

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 1913 2kr green, No. 8901
 1913 3kr red, No. 9001
 1913 4kr dark red, No. 9103
 1913 7kr brown, No. 9201
 1913 10kr blue, No. 9302
 1913 14kr green, No. 9402
 1913 15kr brown, No. 9505
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In December, 1905, and consisted of 150,000 stamps, including both shades of surcharge. A copy on a cover postmarked at Cristobal December 30, 1905, proves that it was in use there before January 1, 1906, which has been the date assigned for its issue.

It was necessary to use this stamp instead of the two cents permanent type because the supply of the latter was exhausted. Dr. Perry states that "The Zone postal authorities were opposed to doing this" (changing from one type to another) "as it has been the endeavor of the Director of Posts to conduct a simple and as clean an administration as possible, but no choice existed as stamps must be had, and the law provides that such shall be Panama stamps surcharged 'CANAL ZONE'."

The varieties of the Panama surcharge are three in number which are common to both shades, and one which exists only in the lighter shade. The three found in both shades are: An inverted "M" on the 24th and 29th stamps; "PANAMA" 16 mm. long at the left on Nos. 25 and 30, and "PANAMA" 1 1/2 mm. below the bar. The error found in the vermilion surcharge is an inverted Panama surcharge.

The Canal Zone varieties are those of the III stage of the setting and exist on both shades of the Panama surcharge. The list of this value is:

2c rose on 4th Panama, vermilion surcharge.
 a—"PANAWA" (Nos. 24, 29).
 b—"PANAMA" 16 mm. long (25, 30).
 c—"PANAMA" 1 1/2 mm. below bar.
 d—Bar at bottom.
 e—"Z" broken (32).
 f—"E" broken (33).
 g—"L" broken (42).
 h—"N" broken (65).
 i—"Z O N E" wrong font (48).
 2c rose on 4th Panama, carmine surcharge.
 a—"PANAWA" (24, 29).

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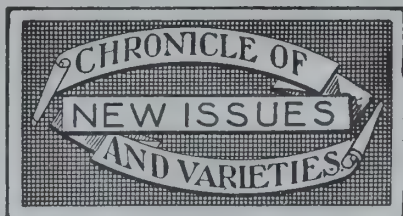
A PINE TREE SHILLING FIND.

A coin that was already 124 years old when the Declaration of Independence was being signed, one of the rarest finds in many years in the line of old money, was the discovery some days ago in the form of a pine tree shilling, bearing the date 1652. It is, therefore, 264 years old. It was turned up in the garden patch of the estate of the late Gen. John Marshall Brown, at Falmouth Foreside (near Portland, Me.), and is now the property of Herbert Payson of Bowdoin street.

The pine tree shilling was the earliest colonial coin made in Massachusetts. It was coined in 1652, when a "mint house" was established at Boston and coins of the value of three pence, six pence and 12 pence were struck. The Encyclopedia Americana says of it:

"These coins were to be of the fineness of 'new sterling English money,' and every shilling was 'to weigh a threepenny troy weight and lesser pieces proportionately.' They were soon after in circulation, but owing to the excessive plainness of their finish they were found to be greatly exposed to 'washing and clipping.' To remedy this, in the same year it was decided that 'henceforth both shillings and smaller pieces shall have a double ring on either side, with the inscription Massachusetts and a tree in the center, on the one side, and New England and the date of the year on the other side.' In 1662 a twopenny piece was added to the series. These coins are known as the 'pine tree shillings,' etc.

"The Massachusetts mint existed about 34 years, but all the coins issued bear only the dates 1652 and 1662, the same dies being used probably throughout that period."—Portland (Me.) Telegram.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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UNITED STATES.—J. M. Bartels notes the following new envelope varieties:—

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2c	E	8	Amber	20	91	

CANADA.—Mrs. E. W. Oughtred sends us a used copy of the new King George 2c envelope of Canada. The design is the same as the King Edward envelope, except that the portraits are changed, of course, and the value in the circular tablet just below the portrait is printed "2 Cents?" instead of "Two Cents," as on the King Edward envelope.

Envelope.
Portrait of King George.
2c carmine on white.

FRANCE.—Offices in Morocco.—Stamps of 2 and 5 pesetas have been issued for use in the French Zone of Morocco. The current 2 and 5 franc stamps of French Morocco have been overprinted "Protectorat Francais" in small black type.

GERMANY.—Offices in Belgium.—The Philatelic Gazette says that the Governor General of German Belgium has issued a decree ordering that hereafter the German stamps used in Belgium will be surcharged "Cent." instead of "Centimes" or "C," and "F" instead of "Franc" or "Fr." The denominations to be surcharged "Cent." will be the 3, 5, 10, 25, 50 and 75 cent. and the higher denominations will be the 1F, 1F 25 cent. and 2F 50 cent.

MEXICO.—Linn's Stamp Collector says the 40c map and 1p light house stamp are to be superseded by other designs. There appears to be a scandal in connection with the issue of the Carranza stamps, the "pernicious activity" of the Postmaster General of the Carranza Government and his satellites having found expression in this stamp. Several colors have appeared, but the bulk are held for private sale. The makers of the catalogue need to be wary of these "made for collectors" stamps which are infinitely worse than Seebecks.

ROUMANIA.—D. C. Alexander has shown us a vertical pair of the 1b black with large head, imperforate. The stamps are separated with a heavy ruled line. They were postally used at Bucharest in June.

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The Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington uses 20 to 25 miles of 22-inch cloth a day in wiping surplus ink from plates used in engraving stamps and bills. A cloth can be used only once. A company in Relee, Va., buys these rags, and from them, by a patent process, recovers 3,500,000 pounds of ink a year. This ink is in four basic colors of black, green, red and orange, which have all passed the severe tests of the Bureau of Engraving for purity and permanency of color.

From these four basic colors this company makes practically all shades of paste and, by addition of linseed oil and

volatile driers, ready-mixed paints as well. The company is the sole owner of the patented process by which the color products are recovered and claims to be able to produce paint colors at lower prices than any other manufacturer.—Wall Street Journal.

THE STAMPS OF HAYTI.

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

Year books are generally very valuable reference works, but they cannot cope with the mutations of the political life in the mutinous Black Republic on the mountainous isle of Hayti. Even the day-books, or daily newspapers, have to be content to let much Haytian blood flow under the bridge without record. Any would-be archivist of Haytian affairs would find it a restless and a difficult task. A Haytian President is here today and gone tomorrow. It seems that the politicians of Port-au-Paix only rise to the summit of the Presidential Palace that they may have the greatest possible fall.

If Haytian politics be so complicated on the spot, it will be recognised that they are vastly more difficult to follow and record at a distance. Who is the President of the Republic today? My latest year-book of political information tells me that the President is General Orestes Zamor, elected February 8th, 1914; but several chiefs of state have come and gone since Zamor gave place to Theodore. In this restless isle things may move so fast, and conditions are so volcanic, that it is never wise to say in England who is President; it is safer to speak or write of the latest occupant of that high, but unstable office of whom we have knowledge.

In most countries political upheavals are reflected to some extent in their stamp issues. This is the case with Hayti, but the Republic is peculiar in that its changes are so numerous and sudden that it would tax the energies of the most brilliant postal administration to keep pace with them in the way of new stamp issues. Some of the recent stars in the political firmament of this land of high mountains have flashed for so brief a spell that they have not even left us the impress of a surcharge.

It is a long time now since I endeavoured to put together in a little book a connected story of the stamps of Hayti, and now, after more than a decade, my indiscretion in publishing such a book arises to mock me. The Editor of the Stamp Collectors' Annual it was who brought the old book to light again, and asked me to add to its fifteen chapters some notes to bring the story of these stamps up to date. I enter upon the task with some misgivings, for since I wrote "The Postage Stamps of Hayti" (London, 1905), my leisure has been all too scanty to keep pace with the later issues.

First I may take the opportunity of directing students to newer works on the issues prior to 1904: My good friend, Captain Lionel Crouch, in whom my early booklet created a very keen enthusiasm for Haytian study, wrote a series of articles dealing with all the issues up to that of 1907-8 in the first volume of the Stamp Lover (1908-9), and he returned to the subject of the intermediate issues 1887-98 in a paper published in the Stamp Lover in September and December, 1912, (Vol. V. pp. 71, 164). These add much to the information in the booklet of 1905, and if, as I sincerely hope, Captain Crouch be spared to return victorious from the war, our oft-discussed project of a new and collaborated book on Haytian stamps may yet be accomplished.

Two other friends have contributed important studies on the "Liberty Head" issues, the stamps which are the most classic in their philatelic interest amongst Haytian issues. The articles in question are:

"The 'Liberty Head' stamps of Hayti. A paper read before the Royal Philatelic Society on December 21st, 1911." By L. L. R. Hausburg. London Philatelist XXI pp. 121, 138.

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"The 'Liberty Head' stamps of Hayti." By Bertram W. H. Poole. The Postage Stamp, XIV pp. 116, 123.

My little book closed with the two issues of 1904. Two years later Nord Alexis was still President. 1906 was a prolific philatelic year in Hayti. The 20c orange and the 50c claret of the regular issue of 1904 were issued in March, surcharged for use as 1 and 2 centimes respectively, the surcharge consisting of a large figure and the word "centime (s)" in a double-lined hexagon (1c) or a double-lined heptagon (2c). Whether by accident, or "accidentally for the purpose," the 50c can be had with the 1 centime instead of the 2 centimes surcharge.

In the same year pending the issue of stamps of new designs on order from the American Bank Note Co., a further provisional issue was created in 1906 by overprinting the balance in stock of the stamps of President Sam's regime (issue of 1899). This was necessitated by the depreciation of the Haytian gourde, and from this date we get two currencies on the stamps, viz.—the paper gourde (of very small value), divided into 100 "centimes de gourde," and the gold piastre (equivalent to 4s 2d) divided into 100 "centimes de piastre." The surcharge is a two-lined oval, reading "SERVICE EXTERIEURE PROVISoire—EN PIASTRES FORTE." All values received the overprint in red, including both issues of the 1, 2 and 5c.

The new issue of 1906 from the workshops of the American Bank Note Co. comprises four denominations in "centimes de gourde," for domestic postage, and twelve in "centimes de piastre" for foreign postage. They are all engraved in taille-douce, and perforated 12, as is usual with the productions of this firm.

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FOR INLAND POSTAGE.
1c de gourde, blue (President Nord Alexis).
2c de gourde, orange (Arms).
3c de gourde, slate (President Nord Alexis).
7c de gourde, green (Arms).

FOR FOREIGN POSTAGE.
1c de piastre, yellow-green (Arms).
2c de piastre, vermilion (President Nord Alexis).
3c de piastre, sepia (The iron Market Hall, Port-au-Prince).
4c de piastre, carmine-lake (Castle of Sans Souci).
5c de piastre, deep-blue (President Nord Alexis).
7c de piastre, slate-grey (Independence Palace at Gonaives).
8c de piastre, deep rose (Catholic Seminary, Port-au-Prince).
10c de piastre, orange (Catholic Church, Port-au-Prince).

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1908-9 U. S. 50c & \$1, Nos. 333-334, " .32
1912-15 U. S. 50c & \$1, Nos. 367-368, " .27
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1915, 35c, 22; 40c, .30
*Bahama 1911, 1p No. 47, .04
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15c de piastre, olive green (Government Offices, Port-au-Prince).

20c de piastre, greenish-blue (President Nord Alexis).

50c de piastre, red (Arms).

1 piastre, claret, (President's Palace).

The polygonal surcharges were re-issued in 1908, this time in red, black, brown, or violet on the 1904 issue, and with the Nord Alexis portrait. The values are:

Red Surcharge.
1c on 5c.
1c on 20c.
2c on 10c.
2c on 50c.

Brown Surcharge.
1c on 5c.
1c on 10c.
2c on 20c.
2c on 50c.

Black Surcharge.
1c on 5c.
1c on 10c.
1c on 20c.
2c on 10c.
2c on 20c.
2c on 50c.

Violet Surcharge.
1c on 20c.

The volcanic republic erupted again in 1908, a year of rumours and realities of revolutions. But the rebellion which succeeded in driving Nord Alexis out of his palace took place towards the end of the year. Legitimate was made Provisional President in December, but we have no trace of him on the stamps of the period, and his rule was short, for General Antoine Simon was elected President on December 17th, 1908. By 1910 his portrait replaced that of Nord Alexis on the

1c de gourde (For Inland Postage).
5c de piastre (For Foreign Postage).
2c de piastre (For Foreign Postage).
20c de piastre (For Foreign Postage).

In 1911, the colours of the 2c de gourde, and 3c de piastre in the types of 1906 were changed to yellow and yellow-orange respectively.

President Simon had a lively term of office, quelling revolutions at the rate of several per annum, and narrowly escaping a war with the Republic of San Domingo. In 1911 (August) Simon had to seek refuge in flight, and Cincinnatus Leconte was elected President August 16, 1911. He met his death in August of the following year (1912) in a fire caused by the explosion of ammunition stored in the cellars of the presidential palace. His death took place prior to the issue of the only stamps bearing his portrait, viz—

1912. FOR INLAND POSTAGE.

1c de gourde, crimson lake.
2c de gourde, orange.

FOR FOREIGN POSTAGE.

5c de piastre, deep blue.

In 1913 the colours of seven stamps in the 1906 types were changed to

4c de piastre, olive.
7c de piastre, red.
8c de piastre, olive green.
10c de piastre, red-brown.
15c de piastre, yellow.
50c de piastre, yellow.
1 piastre, vermillion.

Of Tancred Auguste and Michel Oreste, who in turn succeeded to the Presidency, there is only the solitary 7c de piastre with the former's portrait amongst our philatelic records, but General Orestes Zamor, elected February 8, 1914, made up for their deficiency by overprinting almost all the available stamps with his initials and the date of his coming into power. Although three or more Presidents have come and gone since Zamor filled the high but hazardous office, it is still premature to attempt a complete list of the "GL. O. Z. 7 FEV. 1915" overprints, but the lists of those known already fill nearly a page in Gibbons' and Scott's catalogues, so I shall not take up more of the *Annual's* space to go into a detailed list of them now. Zamor's portrait on the 1, 5, and 10c de piastre stamps appeared in 1915, and within the past few weeks the 50c claret of the 1904 issue has been received with a new surcharge of a large numeral in a rectangle.

I have heard little of Hayti since last summer. Now that the greater part of "civilisation," and all the "barbarian" Empires of Central Europe are at war, the troubles of this rebellious little republic can claim little of our attention. For those who like to try to keep pace with the events which count in the Republic, let me conclude by reporting that Zamor was succeeded by Theodore in 1914, and Theodore by Guillaume early in 1915. The latter, or his regime, was said to be responsible for the massacre of 160 political prisoners, including the ex-President Zamor in the first half of last year, and he himself was dragged out of the French legation and shot dead by a mob of infuriated Haytians on July 28 last. Rosalvo Bobo was then proclaimed President, and he may be President to this day.

But, on the other hand, he may not!—*Stamp Collectors' Annual.*

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—E. A. Steiner sends us a copy of "Mexico," a price-list of the stamps of that country issued by the C. H. Mekeel Stamp & Publishing Co., at St. Louis. Mr. Steiner asks "How old is this book?" We cannot state the exact year of publication but presume it was issued in 1896 or 1897. The book lists and illustrates not only Mexican postage but revenues and post cards as well.

—H. F. Colman of Washington, D. C., was a visitor to the Hub during the past week and on Tuesday, July 11, it was the pleasure of the managing editor of the WEEKLY to meet him. By the kindness of A. W. Batchelder, formerly manager of the New England Stamp Co., an automobile trip along the North Shore was greatly enjoyed.

—"Dealers are warned against sending approval selections to Barros, P. R. I think there is a gang there as in Brooklyn, N. Y. I have several selections out there and am unable to get money or stamps. List of names for postage."—A. A. JONES, Herrin, Ill.

—Greetings have been received at the WEEKLY office during the past week from Dr. L. A. Micheloni at Montevideo.

—C. A. Ploch informs us that a letter addressed to Charles Murphy, 212 E. 22 St., Chicago, Ill., has been returned marked "Unclaimed." He will be glad to know Mr. Murphy's correct address.

—"I am interested in the notice in your paper of July 1, that O. Kendall had had unsatisfactory dealings with the MacMillan Stamp Co., 4320 Grant St., Omaha, Nebr. Now, I have been unable to collect an account against the Northern Stamp Co., same address, and have been informed by a stamp dealer in Omaha that the company (Northern Stamp Co.) is a fraud."—FRED L. PAULY.

—From Mr. Lowell J. Ragatz, Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin, we have received word of the operations of one Rayford T. Goode, Salem, Oregon, who using the address of 1136 Jefferson St., calls himself variously the Precancel Co., the Oregonian Stamp Co., etc. The case will be turned over to the post office department.

—If too much trouble to procure a money order when you renew your subscription or purchase books from our list, remit in stamps 5c to 15c denominations. We shall appreciate the favor.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from W. F. Ferguson and C. M. Breder.

—We wish to correct a statement made in our issue of July 8. The C. E. Hussman Co. states that B. O. Hinckey, whose address they desire to know, was not U. S. Consul at Santiago, Cuba, but the last address he gave was in care of the U. S. Consul at Santiago, Cuba.

BOSTON A. P. S. CONVENTION.

We expect to attend the Boston convention. Are there others?

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POSTAGE STAMPS CANAL ZONE

(Continued from page 265.)

b—"PANAMA" 16 mm. long (25, 30).
c—"PANAMA" 1 1/2 mm. below bar.
d—"Z" broken (32).
e—"E" broken (33).
f—"L" broken (42).
g—"N" broken (65).
h—"Z O N E" wrong font (48).

"8cts." on 50c Bistre Brown, 1904-06.

This stamp was issued November, 1905, and the issue numbered 20,000.

It is an altogether different stamp from the preceding ones of this value. It is of the third Panama type, as the fourth type had by this time become exhausted. The "8cts." is a new type. The "8" is taller and more slender than in the former stamp of this value and only one type of it is found. The letters "cts." are also smaller and thinner and a period appears after the letter "s."

The Panama surcharge was applied to a horizontal half sheet at a time, and shows the many varieties of this third Panama type, and besides these, which it is unnecessary to enumerate here, we find the bar at the bottom, an extra bar at the bottom and no bar at all.

The Canal Zone surcharge presents the same varieties as the preceding stamp, viz.: The broken letters and the Zone in wrong font, or the III stage of the setting.

The list as usual in the 3rd Panama type is rather long. It is 8c on 50c bistre-brown (Panama reading up) with period after "8cts."

a—"PANAMA" reading up and down (1, 51).
b—"PANAMA" 15 mm. long (16 stamps on each sheet).
c—1st and 3rd "A" large right (3, 4, 44, 53, 54, 94).
d—1st and 3rd "A" large, both sides (5, 55).
e—All A's large at left (6, 7, 56, 57).
f—3rd "A" large at left (21, 71).
g—2nd "A" large at right (35, 85).
h—1st "A" large at left, 3rd "A" dropped, 1st and 2nd "A" at right inverted V and MA raised (42, 92).
i—1st "A" at left inverted V (11, 18, 61, 68).
j—2nd "A" at right inverted V (3, 34, 44, 53, 84, 94).
k—3rd "A" at left inverted V (14, 25, 64, 75).
l—All "A's" at right inverted V's (27, 77).
m—"N" at right inverted (12, 40, 62, 90).
n—3rd "A" at left inverted V and MA raised (19, 69).
o—3rd "A" right accented (34, 38, 84, 88).
p—"N" at right raised (23, 73).

q—"P" at right wrong font (49, 99).
r—"P NAMA" at right (83) (some sheets).
s—"P NAMA" at right 3rd "A" accented (84) (some sheets).
t—Bar at bottom.
u—Extra bar at bottom.
v—No bar on stamp.
w—"Z" broken (32).
x—"E" broken (33).
y—"L" broken (42).
z—"N" broken (65).
aa—"ZONE" wrong font (48).

(To be continued.)

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

Notes on Controls. Part II.—Edwardian and Georgian Periods. By R. B. Rowell. This book is published from the office of *Stamp Collecting* and forms one of the series issued by this publication. The price is 12c. As the name indicates, it is a study of the control letters and numbers upon English stamps issued in the two periods indicated. Undoubtedly the book would prove of great interest to the specialist in the stamps of Great Britain.

PHILATELY'S ROLL OF HEROES.

It was inevitable that in the long list of casualties resulting from the recent naval battle in the North Sea there would be some more names to be added to the philatelists' roll of honour. Amongst the philatelists who surrendered their lives in the service of King and country in the North Sea battle was Lieut.-Commander Ralph L. Clayton of H. M. S. *Queen Mary*, an active member of the Junior Philatelic Society. The deep sympathy of many philatelic friends will go out to Sir Thomas Esmonde, Bart., another member of the Junior Philatelic Society, who mourns the loss of his son, Midshipman John H. S. Esmonde, who was in H. M. S. *Invincible*. Yet another member of the J. P. S., and a keen student of modern British stamps, Staff-Paymaster Percy Cruise, was believed to have been on H. M. S. *Hampshire*, the vessel which was sunk while conveying the late Earl Kitchener and his staff on his special mission to Russia. Mr. Cruise was an occasional contributor to the *Stamp Lover*.—*Postage Stamp*.

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ROMANI 15 BANI ISSUES, 1879-80.

By PHIL DENGLER.

Very little or rather superficial attention has been given these interesting stamps. Kohl's Handbook lists them as follows: 15 bani venetian-red Type I (Scott No. 70a dull red) 15 bani flesh red Type II and III (Scott's No. 70 rose red).

It states also that all values of the 1879 issue were printed from the 1876 plates with the exception of No. 52 that is the 15 bani value. This contention is entirely erroneous and misleading. These two stamps represent two distinct issues, and printed from two different plates.

The first issue of the 15 bani 1879 (dull red) was printed from the original plates,—comparison of these two printings will prove it. There is not one single deviation of any line or design in the later printing.

The second issue (rose red) the so-called Type II and III (May, 1880) was always considered as a retouched type of Type I, but close examination proves beyond doubt that this stamp was printed from another plate than the previous issue.

The discovery or detection of a plate defect made it possible to trace the original plate used for this printing and this plate is none other than 30 bani plate of 1878. The only alteration made was the removal of the numerals of value and the insertion of new ones. Judging from the great number of varieties of these numerals, it is evident that they were inserted singly in a certain number of clichés, perhaps in every one on the plate.

The correct number of types is unknown so far and only further research will fill this gap in philatelic knowledge.

The only plausible explanation for the use and alteration of the 30 bani plate for the 15 bani value can be found in the following facts: First, that the original 15 bani plate did not exist and was perhaps destroyed. Secondly, the new plates in preparation with change

of design (July, 1880) were not finished, and Last, the 30 bani plate wasn't needed any more, through the discontinuance of the value (1879 when foreign letter rate was reduced to its former rate.)

This printing could, therefore, be considered as a provisional issue in circulation May and June, 1880. Another newly discovered fact is that the 30 bani plate itself is an alteration of the original 5 bani plate of 1876. The same plate defect led to this discovery, besides the fact that the Romanian Printing Office was hardly in a position at that time to order new plates in Paris and was equally unable to have any made in their own country. Another fact was that this value was needed urgently, following the increase of foreign letter rate for the purpose of raising revenue after the costly war 1877-78. (Nearly a war stamp.)

This all important plate defect is found on these values (5, 15, 30 bani) only and can be traced to its origin on Paris proofs. The fully developed defect is found already on the 5 bani Paris Print, 5 bani Bucharest Print (76) on the 30 bani 78 and the 15 bani 79 (May, 1880) Type II proving that all these values were printed from one original plate and altered only to suit the purpose of immediate need.

The plate defect distinctly visible is found in the upper right triangle, the longest vertical line (next to outside border) is curved toward left forming a shape of a book.

Another plate defect of the 5 bani, 1876 broken rosette in lower corner, although occurring perhaps but once in the plate, is found also in the 30 bani and the 15 bani.

A third plate defect which is mostly found on the 30 bani and 15 bani is the shortened vertical line of letter R in Romana not reaching level of bottom line.

There is still a great field open for the specialist in the plating and research of types in the so-called Type II of the 15 bani of (May), 1880.

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By WILLIAM EVANS.

CHAPTER VIII.—Fifth Series.

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One Cent on Twenty Centavos, Violet.

First Printing—In regard to this issue Dr. Perry says: "These stamps became necessary on account of exhaustion of the supply of 1 cent and 2 cents stamps both in Canal Zone and Republic of Panama post offices."

"The new permanent set for Panama has been promised for some months, but delay in ordering the same resulted in a complete exhaustion of stamps of these denominations, of both the new Panama and the old Colombian design."

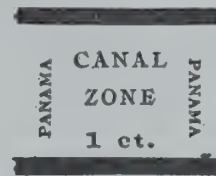
"The Canal Zone authorities desired that the 1 cent and 2 cents of the Republic of Panama stamps be furnished, and requested the Panama authorities to have a sufficient amount printed and forwarded. This they did not do, as the complete series of stamps for Panama, in new design, had already been ordered, and they did not want more printings made of the 1 cent and 2 cents. The Panama authorities offered the 1 cent and 2 cents provisionals that they had prepared to meet their postal needs for stamps of these denominations, but the surcharging has been so poorly done that the Zone authorities would not accept them, and, after several days' delay and much correspondence, the old Colombian stamps were furnished. All the surcharging, Panama, bars and value, was done by the Canal Zone authorities."

"This type of Canal Zone is entirely different from that on previous issues, as a new setting was made, the word "CANAL ZONE" being smaller and the letters being closer together. The stamps were surcharged in panes of 50. The quantities printed are: 2c, 200,000; 1c, 100,000.

"Both a double and inverted surcharge have been detected in both denominations. The stamps are carefully examined, and I doubt if any errors pass in circulation. Still such may happen, and I record such as have been detected:

1c—Inverted surcharge, 50, 1 sheet.
1c—Double surcharge, 50, 1 sheet.
2c—Inverted surcharge, 50, 1 sheet.
2c—Double surcharge, 50, 1 sheet."

None of these errors having been reported from any other source it is fair to presume that none escaped detection, but that all were destroyed.



A.—The space between "1 ct." and bar is 1 1/2 mm. Figure "1" is thick with long serif and long thin foot.

This stamp was issued in April, 1906. It was printed upon the twenty centavos Colombian stamp of 1892, and a horizontal half sheet was printed at a time. The whole surcharge, "PANAMA," bars, value and "CANAL ZONE" was set up to print at one impression instead of the "CANAL ZONE" being printed separately as in the former series. The surcharging in this instance is done in black ink, with a bar at both the top and the bottom of the stamp. The word "PANAMA" reads upward at the left and downward at the right and is in small capitals. Between these two words is the "CANAL ZONE" and below this near the lower bar the value. The type used for the "CANAL ZONE" differs from that used on all of the previous issues, and is of the style used in the errors of the third and fourth printings of the third series, i. e., the wrong font "CANAL" of the 48th stamp of those printings. The "1" of "1ct." is thick, with a long, thin foot, and rather long serif, the upper side of which is concave and the lower one horizontal. The "ct." are in small pica type and followed by a period.

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10 Greece	3	10000000000 " "	1.25	10 Gold Coast	40
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The remarks as to possible breaking

or wearing away of these accents apply

here as in the first printing.

The "CANAL ZONE" and "PANAMA"

measurements are the same as in the

first printing. The "1ct." is 8x2 mm.

and in the upper half of the sheet it is

3 mm. from the bar above, while in the

lower half it is 4 mm.

The error on the 49th and 99th stamps

is in the space between the "1" and

"ct.", it being 1 3/4 mm. instead of 2 3/4

mm.

On the 36th and 86th stamps there is

a wider space between the "Z" and "O"

of "ZONE" than is found on the other

stamps of the sheet. The list of this

printing therefore is:

1c on 20c violet.

a—Accent on one or more "A's" of "PAN-

AMA."

b—"1" and "ct" 1 3/4 mm. apart (49, 99).

c—"Z" and "O", widely spaced (36, 86).

Third Printing—This printing was issued

in September, 1906, and consisted

of 300,000 stamps. The surcharge is as

in the former printings in black, and

the spacings are the same as in the

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printing except the distance between the

"2 cts." and the lower bar which is 3 3/4

mm. instead of 1 mm.

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the remaining half printed.

There are, however, varieties which

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upon the complementary stamps. On

the 49th stamp there is a wider space

between the "P" and the first "A" of

"PANAMA" than is found on any other

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the space between the "C" and "A" of

"CANAL" is 4 mm. instead of 1 mm., and

the "ct." is on a higher level than the

"1"; and on No. 100 the word "CANAL"

is 13 mm. long instead of 12 mm.

What really occurred was that the

upper half of the sheet was printed

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ward on the press and printing the

lower half at once, it was removed and

the whole lot of 3000 sheets was printed

on the upper half before any of the

surcharging was done on the lower

halves of the sheets. During the print-

ing of the upper halves and before they

had been finished, the spacing of the

"C A" of "CANAL" was discovered and

before the lower half was printed the

error was corrected, and the 49th stamp

being contiguous to this one the spacing

of that also was corrected. The other

errors being some distance removed

were not discovered and show in the

lower half of the sheet. The spacing on

the 50th stamp was as we know not

made absolutely correct but it was so

much improved that a millimeter scale

is needed to detect that it is not cor-

rect, since it is 13 mm. long instead of

12 mm.

The accented "A's" in "PANAMA" are

more numerous in this printing than in

either of the others, there being seventy-

two stamps on which they occur, and

from a clearly printed sheet are taken

the following combinations:

1—On 1st at left, none at right; Nos. 1, 8,

18, 22, 26, 40, 44, 51, 58, 72, 76, 90, 94,

2—On 2nd at left, none at right 17, 29, 47,

67, 79, 97.

3—On 3rd at left, none at right 4, 10, 20,

24, 54, 60, 70, 74.

4—On 1st and 3rd at left; none at right

32, 82.

5—On all at left; none at right 19, 69.

6—On 1st at right; none at left 37, 38, 87,

88.

7—On 2nd at right; none at left 14, 35,

36, 41, 50, 64.

8—On 3rd at right; none at left 85, 86, 91,

100.

9—On all at right; none at left 13, 16, 48,

63, 66, 98, 21, 71.

10—On 1st and 3rd at right; none at left

28, 78.

11—On 1st at left; 2nd at right 34, 84.

12—On 1st and 2nd left; 3rd at right 5,

55.

13—On 1st and 2nd left; 2nd and 3rd right

9, 59.

14—On all at left; 2nd right 11, 61.

15—On 3rd at left; 2nd and 3rd at right

25, 75.

16—On 2nd and 3rd left; 2nd at right 27,

77.

17—On 2nd and 3rd at left; 1st and 2nd

at right 33, 83.

As in the former printings these ac-

cents are very liable to changes.

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COLLECTORS' SALES DEPT. BARGAINS

Following are a few bargains on the recent sheets sent in priced according to condition. United States 5c of 1847 on Cover one at \$1; another at \$1.50; a pair at \$3; 1857, 10c No. 50c, \$1; 1869, 90c, \$6.50; 1871, 7c No. 138, \$1; 7c No. 160, \$1.50; 12c No. 162, \$2.50; 7c No. 575, 75 cts.; 20c No. 1339, \$1.40; 24c No. 1340, \$1; Guam 1c to 15c and 10c Special (cat. \$11.70), \$4.50; Executive Specimen set, \$4; Panama 1904, 6 var. used 1c to 50c, 50 cts.; 1c Pan American with Inverted Center, o. g. perfection and Plate No. at top, \$60.00. Also several collections for sale. If you are an auction buyer "Get On Our Mailing List."

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EDITORIAL.

Slightly—We have just published a little book, "Range Tales," by Edwin B. Hill, Mesa, Arizona, that is as handsome a production as can be imagined. The price, fifteen cents, is not in keeping with this book of tales, and we are more anxious to circulate it as examples of the best philatelic fiction ever written, rather than to profit from it in a material sense. The edition is a small one and in reality should "sell on sight."

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Interposes—We have received word from a source of information that we respect, that our statement that appeared in an issue several weeks ago to the effect that the wine and cordial stamps would probably be retained under the provisions of the new revenue act is to be accepted with reserve. First of all, the treasury department is anxious to get rid of the three sets of revenue stamps which were to have a term of existence for thirteen months only, it was first thought. While the elimination of the documentary and proprietary stamps would mean much, yet the withdrawal of the wine and cordial stamps would have to be accomplished to achieve complete satisfaction. The internal revenue department does not like the green set because it is associated with bother and worse, in the minds of the officers, as the collection of the taxes by means of the wines and cordials stamps has almost become a farce. The percentage of stamps actually used to the number that should be is so small as to leave no room for doubt that the evasion of the payment of this tax is general. The department knows that it is being hoodwinked, and it happens through force of circumstances that no sustained steps have been taken to instill a respect for the law in the hearts of the criminal or careless. If, as reported, the tax on wines and cordials will not be withdrawn, it is incumbent upon the department to find a surer way to secure the payment of the tax than by a stamp tax illy enforced.

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Change—A reader in a moralizing mood says that he sees few advertisers to-day who were in the business twenty years ago. It is true that the complexion of the advertising pages of the

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stamp paper changes in a generation, but if it is thought that the condition is one peculiar to philately, a glance at the firm names in any business twenty years ago and now will prove that philately does not monopolize this characteristic.

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Dubious—A man who was a collector died, leaving a widow who was not interested in stamps. Scarcely had the husband been buried before "an odd-appearing man" made a call to ask if the stamp collection that belonged to the decedent was for sale. He said that he knew what the collection contained and would give fifty dollars for it. The widow was not favorably impressed by her visitor, and resented his intrusion,—but he would have got the collection for fifty dollars if an old friend had not appeared at the opportune moment and said, when he saw how the land lay, that a thousand dollars would be a fair price for the albums. Exit the first caller. The all too enterprising gentleman was on the fringe of philately in the town, but he was within "the black of a finger-nail" of obtaining the collection. It is a good idea to give the family an idea of the value of the stamp collection, especially when its value mounts up into the hundreds of dollars.

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Ignorance—Cosme Hinojosa, Mexico's Postmaster-General, as the most consistent exponent of the multiplicity of unnecessary issues to-day, is being soundly smacked in the stamp papers, and if the aforesaid Hinojosa is made aware of this verbal castigation, he will be genuinely puzzled by it all, we think. From our observation of the gentleman, whom we have met, we believe that he feels that he is proceeding along approved and accepted lines in furnishing stamps for philatelic consumption and that he is the benefactor of the collecting public. It has probably never entered Hinojosa's head that he has overstepped the bounds of philatelic righteousness, and if he were in a position to realize that the disregard of philatelists has been brought upon himself, he would say that he was trying to befriend them in spite of themselves. Of course, Hinojosa profits; but is not enterprise to be rewarded? he might ask.

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Excess—We have been receiving so much material on the subject of the Sonora stamps, pro and con, that it would be fatal to stage the conflict in our columns at this time of year. The combatants might be overcome by the heat, and the onlookers might dislocate their jaws by yawning.

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Unfathomable—If there is one thing of which to be sure, it is the lack of certain knowledge as to the future of this or that class of stamps. We remember how the old Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps placed, over twenty years ago, certain stamps under the ban, and some of these stamps are decided collecting favorites to-day and move in the best philatelic circles. So we do not know what verdict on the recent Mexican issues the future will return. The unexpected happens so often in philately that the proverb is fully justified. Comparatively few years ago, it was gravely said by some of the solid stamp papers that collectors would make no distinction between the single CA watermarked British Colonies and the multiple when the news of the change of

watermark was first heard. In 1899, when the newspaper set was sold by the government at five dollars each, it was shown by careful calculation that the set would have a minimum value of six dollars. While philately affords a setting for a go-as-you-please contest that sometimes degenerates into a scramble, yet its inherent strength compels respect for all who engage in the pursuit. The man who knows most about stamps is slowest to prophesy, and the predictions of those who are not in the best positions to anticipate are of small moment. So we come to one of the attractions of philately, which is the necessity of working out to a great extent one's own salvation.

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Cold—A collector who works with his stamps during the summer says that he uses one of the compartments in his big refrigerator for his albums. Consequently, he has no fear of softening gum during the hot nights. He asks that we hand the idea to Mr. McCray, the refrigerator man of Kendallville, Indiana, who is widely known as a philatelist, for such use as he may see fit. The time may come when there will be a little ice box in every philatelist's home.

A. P. S. CONVENTION PROGRAM.

The A. P. S. convention committee held a meeting last week and decided on the following program for the week of the convention, August 21-25.

The Boston Society will hold a special meeting at the Bellevue on Monday evening, August 21, at 8 o'clock, which will take the form of an informal reception to allow the members to get acquainted with the visitors.

Tuesday forenoon the convention sessions open at the Bellevue. In the afternoon a trolley trip is planned, going first to Waltham where there will be an opportunity to inspect the Waltham watch factory, after which the trolley will be resumed and Concord and Lexington visited with a short time in each place to see the points of historical interest.

Wednesday afternoon there will be a harbor trip as guests of the City of Boston. In the evening the firm of B. L. Drew & Co. has arranged to hold an auction at the Society rooms.

Thursday afternoon train will be taken for Salem, where the visitors will be met by automobiles and taken on a ride along the North Shore, returning to the Salem Willows or Marblehead for a shore dinner. Return to Boston will be made by train.

Friday it is expected, if a sufficient number of visitors remain over, to hold an all-day trip to Plymouth, going by boat and returning by train. During the forenoons, while the convention is in session, small parties of ladies will be escorted to different points of interest in or near Boston, in charge of some of the local ladies.

COMMUNICATION.

To THE EDITOR:

It may no longer be of interest to you, or the readers of the WEEKLY, but I have been waiting for some contributors to inform you that the Canadian stamps "overprinted" with a large "R" in oval were used on registered letters, and the "overprint" will be found to have been applied with a rubber stamp. I have seen many registered letters and packages bearing this insignia, and as often as not it was used to cancel the stamps on the article.

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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA.

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CHAPTER XIII—Continued.

While the idea of issuing special
 stamps to commemorate the Diamond
 Jubilee was laudable enough, the re-
 strictions applied to their sale and the
 inclusion of unnecessary high values was,
 to put it mildly, an official *faux pas*. It
 has been asserted that the values from
 \$2 to \$5 inclusive were quite unnecessary
 as it was not possible to use either of
 these denominations in prepayment of
 any legitimate postal charges. But it
 was also pointed out that as there was
 no limit to the weight of a package sent
 by first class mail a heavy letter could
 easily call for more postage than \$5.
 Indeed, in his article in the *Monthly*
Journal, Mr. Donald A. King stated:—

At a post office with which I am
 somewhat familiar the posting of let-
 ters and parcels for the United King-
 dom and other Postal Union countries
 that called for postage from \$1.00 up-
 wards was, at certain periods, a mat-
 ter of daily, often hourly, occurrence,
 so much so that the only comment it
 excited was from the clerk cancelling,
 who would audibly wish that there
 were higher values in the permanent
 issue than 50c and thus save time can-
 celling the entire length of a large en-
 velope.

Within my own experience there has
 been more than one case where a let-
 ter has been mailed on which there
 was not space to place the stamps; an
 entire sheet (100) of 15 cents stamps
 was pasted on, obliterated, and then
 another with some odd values com-
 pleted the prepayment; and the case
 can be recalled of a letter on which
 \$40.00 postage was prepaid. While
 the Jubilee set was in everyday use the
 sight of the higher values was quite
 common on any mail for the United
 Kingdom and Europe, shipping and
 commercial houses prepaying their
 mail with the "dollar" values simply
 as a matter of convenience.

But though there may have been iso-
 lated instances in which high values
 could be used with convenience their
 very limited use is obvious from the fact
 that the Canadian government has al-
 ways, both before and since the emis-
 sion of the Jubilee set, found a 50c
 value high enough for all practical pur-
 poses. Had postal requirements called
 for such constant use of high values as
 Mr. King's remarks lead us to infer it is
 hardly likely that, when the remainders
 were finally withdrawn and destroyed in
 1905, out of a comparatively small total
 issue of 25,000 of each of the dollar
 stamps 94 of the \$1, 66 of the \$2, 1,835
 of the \$3, 2,013 of the \$4, and 1,240 of
 the \$5 would be returned and destroyed.



The design is the same for all de-
 nominations and, as we have already
 stated, is a very handsome one. The
 stamps are of extra large size and show
 two portraits of Queen Victoria. That
 on the left, with the date "1837" below
 it, is identical with the portrait shown
 on the old 12d and 7½d stamps, while

the one on the right, with date "1897"
 below, is from a full length portrait
 painted in 1886 by Professor von Angelo
 of Vienna. This shows the Queen in
 her robes of state as she appeared on
 the assumption of the title "Empress of
 India." Above the portraits is CANA-
 DA POSTAGE and between these
 words is the so-called Tudor Crown of
 Great Britain with the letters "V. R. I."
 below—these latter, of course, standing
 for Victoria Regina Imperatrix, (Vic-
 toria, Queen and Empress). At the
 base the value is shown on a straight
 tablet and in the angles, and between
 the two dates, are maple leaf ornaments.
 These Jubilee stamps were printed by
 the American Bank Note Company, who
 had recently secured the contract for
 the printing of stamps, bank notes, etc.,
 for the Dominion. In the *Montreal*
Herald for January, 1897, the following
 particulars are given with regard to the
 change of printers:—

The contract for the Government
 engraving, for which tenders were
 called two months ago, has been
 awarded to the American Bank Note
 Company, of New York, for a period
 of five and a quarter years. The con-
 tract is worth \$600,000, and may be re-
 newed for a similar period. The work
 consists of engraving the Dominion
 bank notes, revenue and postage
 stamps, postal cards, etc. At present
 the British American Bank Note Com-
 pany, better known as Burland and
 Company, formerly of Montreal, have
 the contract. They tendered this time,
 but the New York company was the
 lowest. The New York company is
 one of the largest and best known in
 the world. The firm engraves notes
 for some of the banks in Canada, in-
 cluding the Canadian Bank of Com-
 merce. Under the terms of the new
 contract, the Company will require to
 establish a place in Ottawa to do the
 work, where the Government can have
 supervision of it. As compared with
 the prices paid under the Burland con-
 tract, the Government will effect a
 saving of \$120,000 by the new contract.

The stamps were, like all Canadian
 stamps, produced by the line-engraved
 process, the values from ½c to 5c inclu-
 sive being printed in sheets of 100 in ten
 horizontal rows of ten, and the other
 denominations in sheets of 50 in ten
 horizontal rows of five stamps each.
 The only marginal inscription consists
 of the name OTTAWA followed by the
 number of the plate. This inscription
 appears at the top of the sheets only—
 above the centre of the fifth and sixth
 stamps in the case of the ½, 1, 2, 3 and
 5c values and above the third stamp on
 the values from 6c to \$5. The name is
 in thin Roman capitals, 2½ mm. high,
 the total length of the inscriptions being
 about 40 mm. The following are the
 numbers of the plates used:—

½ cent, plate 9.
 1 cent, plates 5, 6, 15, 16.
 2 cents, plate 7, 8.
 3 cents, plates 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 13, 14, 28,
 29, 30, 31.
 5 cents, plate 10.
 6 cents, plate 17.
 8 cents, plate 20.
 10 cents, plate 19.
 15 cents, plate 18.
 20 cents, plate 21.
 50 cents, plate 23.

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1906	300r orange and green ..No.	506	.03
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1906	500r orange and green ..No.	508	.04
1906	700r orange and green ..No.	509	.08
1906	1000r orange and green ..No.	510	.04
1906	2000r orange and green ..No.	511	.08
1906	5000r orange and green ..No.	512	.20
1913	200r blue and black ..No.	518	.02
1913	500r orange and black ..No.	519	.05
1913	600r violet and black ..No.	520	.08
1913	1000r brown and black ..No.	521	.12
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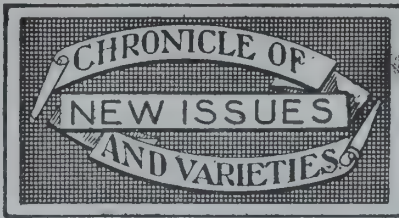
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UNITED STATES.—In No. 1330, we noted the current 3c in a pronounced ultramarine shade. Allan Greeley now sends us another specimen of the same shade. He says the stamp was taken from a catalogue wrapper which had been on a desk exposed to a bright light for a short while. He doesn't know whether it was received in the ultramarine shade, or has been since changed. Therefore it may be well to reserve judgment on this variety, until some one is able to buy it at the postoffice in mint condition.

E. W. Murray has shown us three of the Railroad Register stamps recently called to the attention of collectors. These are the Kansas City Southern, Queen & Crescent Route, and the Missouri Pacific Railway. As these are to be used "Positively for Company business only," they hardly come under the head of postage stamps, though possibly of similar character to the Railway stamps of Great Britain.

J. William Harmon reports having found a 2c stamp of the 1894-95 issue with Triangle III in the left corner, while the right corner has no lines at all in the triangle. Imperfect inking or a worn plate might account for this freak. The stamp is postally used.

AUSTRALIA.—The following from the *Melbourne Age* indicates that the warning regarding the threatened shortage of stamp paper was not as remote as some of the philatelic wits supposed:

The threatened shortage of postage stamp paper is still a serious problem in the Postal department. Yesterday, Deputy Postmaster General C. E. Bright issued an appeal to the public generally, and to merchants and business firms in particular, to assist the department in its efforts to minimise the possibility of a shortage in postage stamp paper by availing themselves of the facilities afforded by the department in regard to the impressing of stamps on envelopes, etc. The facilities offered in this connection are as follows:—

"Postage stamps to the value of either one halfpenny, one penny or twopence may be impressed on envelopes, envelopes combined with sheets of notepaper, newspaper wrappers, or circulars with reply halves intended to be used as orders for publications, goods, etc. Not fewer than 500 envelopes, wrappers, or such circulars of any one size must be supplied by the public at one time, and the paper for the wrappers must be in sheets, and not cut in slips. Coloured envelopes, or wrappers, approved of by the Deputy Postmaster-General may be accepted for impression, but envelopes or wrappers too thin to bear the impression of the die will not be accepted. Envelopes or wrappers provided by the Postmaster-General's department, with the proper stamp thereon, will be substituted for any which may be spoiled in the operation of stamping.

"The charges, which must be paid in advance, are:—The value of the stamps, and 2 shillings per 1000, or portion of a thousand, for the work of stamping. Envelopes, etc., for stamping will be accepted at any post office. Registration envelopes, impressed with 4d stamps (representing 3d registration fee and 1d postage) are sold at the rate of 4 1/2d each. Ordinary envelopes impressed with 1d stamps are sold in bundles of five at 5 1/2d per bundle."

The following is from the *Australian Philatelist*:—

"A new printing of the 4d King George has appeared in a very pale yellow shade instead of orange. A twelve months' supply has been printed. The old colour being exhausted, every effort was made to get an orange, but the colours available were so bad that recourse was had to the yellow only. It is possible that trouble will arise with other colours as soon as fresh supplies are required.

"The 2sh Kangaroo has been issued on the new paper with narrow crown. 1916. Adhesives.

4d pale yellow. King George. 2sh brown. Kangaroo.

"The 1d and 3d Postage Due are now appearing on a thinner paper perforated 14.

"Military Letter Cards, for use by the public to the Australian Imperial Forces have been issued with six lines of inscription, for regimental number, rank, full name, brigade or unit, squadron, battery or company; and regiment or corps. A note is added, 'Above address sufficient. Additions may delay delivery.'"

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—The *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* has received specimens of the 1d in a changed colour, brick-red instead of vermilion, and the 6d, which up to the present has been orange, they have now received in deep orange colour.

MALTA.—The *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* says that the 1d King George has appeared in a changed colour, scarlet, instead of rose.

NEW ZEALAND.—The *Australian Philatelist* says that the inland postal card had been issued several months ago, impressed with a 1d stamp in lieu of the 1/2d King Edward, issued to cover the additional 1/2d war tax. A letter card impressed with the current 1 1/2d King George stamp was issued about the same time.

RUSSIA.—The *West-End Philatelist* says that the 5r value of the Romanoff series is in future to be issued bi-coloured.

SALVADOR.—The C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. has shown us a new set of provisional stamps from this Republic, the 1915 National Palace series in a single color on bank safety paper, brown tint, having been overprinted "S" in black in large Roman type. This appears in the vacant space just under the "U. P. U." By the way, this 1915 set, like the King George set of New Zealand, has not yet been listed by Scott, nor does Scott mention the fact that Salvador Nos. 415 and 416 are printed on the bank safety paper, with a brown tint. The stamps seen with the "S" are the 1c gray green, 2c red, 5c ultramarine, 6c pale blue, 10c yellow, 12c brown, 50c violet, and 100c black brown, all used.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.—The *Australian Philatelist* says the 1/2d value has come to hand in a paler shade.

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POSTAGE STAMPS CANAL ZONE (Continued from page 271.)

The accented "A's" in "PANAMA" appear on the same stamps and in the same combinations as in the third printing of the one cent on twenty centavos, the same errors are also found as are found in that printing except those of the uncorrected setting, and are those of the corrected setting which were used in printing the lower half of the sheet of the one cent on twenty centavos with, of course, the value changed. The errors are: the last "A" of "PANAMA" is an inverted "V" on Nos. 7 and 57; the "N" of "PANAMA" is inverted on Nos. 2 and 52; the "zo" of "ZONE" are widely spaced on Nos. 36 and 86; "CANAL" is 13 mm. long on Nos. 50 and 100; the spacing between "2" and "c" on Nos. 1, 2, 51, 52 is the same as on these stamps of the third printing of the 1 ct.; and both bars at the bottom.

From this data I concluded that it is therefore probable that after the printing of the one cent value was finished the block of type was taken from the press and unlocked, the value changed, and the block relocked and replaced in the press, and used for the surcharging of this stamp, without disturbing any other part of it than the value.

The list for this printing is:
2c on 1p lake.
a—Accent on one or more "A's" of "PANAMA."
b—Last "A" of "PANAMA" an inverted "V" (7, 57).
c—"N" of "PANAMA" inverted (2, 52).
d—"CANAL" 13 mm. long (50, 100).
e—"ZO" widely spaced (36, 86).
f—"2" and "c" of "cts." close (1, 2, 51, 52).
g—Both bars at bottom.

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THE COLLECTION OF LOCALS.

By SYDNEY R. TURNER.

Local postage stamps are a greatly-neglected byway of philately. Though many of these stamps, issued in the first days of collecting, received a certain amount of attention from early philatelists, they have for the most part been ignored by modern collectors.

The local stamp, as its name suggests, is a stamp having only a limited franking power in contradistinction to the ordinary State-issued postage stamp whose franking power extends to places outside the country of its origin. Although the proposition is not accepted by philatelists, all stamps issued by a State prior to its entry into the Universal Postal Union should be in reality classed as locals.

We may divide local postage stamps into four groups as follows:

(a) Government-issued stamps for use in special districts. Example: the Turkish local stamps used in Constantinople.

(b) Stamps issued by local councils by special permission of the State. Example: Russian local stamps.

(c) Stamps issued by companies or persons by special permission of the authorities through whose territory the post is in operation, as those of the Russian Steam Navigation Company and also La Guaira.

(d) Stamps issued by companies or private persons without permission of the authorities, as were those of the English circular delivery companies.

The philatelist taking up the study and collection of local stamps will find a very large field for his activities, and one which has in no way been exhausted. As many of these stamps have yet to be properly catalogued, information as to their origin, use, and value will require considerable research. The volumes of the early stamp journals are a mine of information, though this is not always to be relied on. Another point the collector has to bear in mind is that many of these stamps have been reprinted, and in some cases forged.

The collecting of locals is not a very costly matter, a fact chiefly due to the small demand for them at the present time, though a number of varieties are extremely rare. How large a field there is for the collector will not be fully realised until he has studied the catalogue of local stamps issued by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons in 1899, which is far from complete, as it neither lists the English or German issues. The collector will then see that it will be advisable to restrict his activities to one or more groups.

To the British philatelist probably the most interesting locals will be those of his own country.

The college stamps of Oxford and Cambridge issued between 1870 and 1886 are a unique series, some of them being extremely rare. The post itself was the outcome of special privileges granted by Parliament as early as 1656. The stamps of the circular delivery companies, issued between 1865 and 1868, for use in various towns in England and Scotland, were the forerunners of halfpenny postage in this country, the local post itself being suppressed as an infringement of the Postmaster General's monopoly. Many of these locals are scarce, and I cannot say with certainty that a complete collection exists. Even to obtain a representative set would probably take some time. A huge quantity of forgeries of these locals were produced, which, though easily recognisable by the expert, add considerably to the difficulties of the collector. The letter stamps issued by the

various British railway companies form a highly interesting series, well worthy of more attention than they have hitherto received.

The largest as well as the most interesting group of European local stamps are those of Russia. Commencing as early as 1869, they were issued under special instructions from the Imperial Government by local councils in provincial districts, where the Imperial post did not find it profitable to extend the general postal facilities. Many of these stamps are of peculiar design and shape, crudely produced, and have a tendency in some cases to imitate one another, added to which the Russian lettering often makes the stamps difficult to place. In one series particularly an attempt was made to imitate various contemporary stamps of other European States.

Finland was responsible for some well-designed locals issued between 1866 and 1887. Unfortunately many of them have been extremely well reprinted, and the re-impressions are difficult to detect.

Norway, Sweden, and Denmark have each given us a considerable number of local stamps, many of them well worthy of study. Here again knowledge is required to distinguish originals from the numerous reprints.

From Austria come the well-known locals of the Danube Steam Navigation Company. This series has not yet received the attention it deserves, the numerous reprints probably being responsible for neglect of recent years.

Of all the European locals those of Turkey are probably the most difficult to collect and study, as so little is known concerning them. The steamship stamps of the Imperial Turkish Admiralty Co. and Bell's Asia Minor Steamship Company are extremely scarce. The "T. B. Morton and Co." stamps were, I fear, issued more for the collector than for the postal service which the firm did undoubtedly carry on. The Constantinople local post of 1865 to 1867 was responsible for postage, newspaper, and postage due stamps. Of the postage stamps there was a huge remainder which came on the market when the service ceased. The newspaper handstamps are very scarce, those generally met with being either reprints or forgeries; and the postage dues have never yet been satisfactorily catalogued. The Government issues overprinted for use as locals in Constantinople from 1873 to 1881 are of great interest, but owing to the overprints having been forged, they require considerable study before any attempt can be made to form a collection. The only remaining local, the single stamp of Kustendjie and Czernawoda, is rather a scarce stamp used, but it has been reprinted many times, both on the correct and on coloured papers.

The local stamps of the United States form a large group, mostly issued by private letter-carrying companies between 1843 and 1894. Of these the "Wells Fargo" stamps are the best known to collectors. This company carried the mails overland by coach during the days of the Californian gold rush, when the cost of postage was as high as four dollars the ounce. Nearly all the American locals have been both reprinted and forged; also there are a number of bogus labels, which add considerably to the difficulties of the collector. The Tapling collection in the British Museum, though not quite complete, forms a most useful guide to these stamps. The provisionals issued by the various postmasters during the Civil War are locals, but so difficult are they to obtain that I need only mention their existence here, as it is scarcely possible for any philatelist to hope to make even a small collection of these historic stamps.

Of Central America, the principal locals are those of the seapost of La Guaira. They were issued by a private company, who carried the overseas mail for the Venezuelan Government from 1864 to 1870. The route followed was from Caracas, the capital, to the ports of La Guaira, Puerto Cabello, Curacao,

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The chief locals of South America are those of Buenos Ayres, issued between 1858 and 1862. These stamps seem to have appealed to the old collectors, and are today very scarce. They have been fully described by Mr. F. J. Peplow in the last volume of the *Philatelic Record*.

Passing on to Africa, the largest group are those of Morocco. The native local post came into existence in 18—; the stamps were of very crude native design, hand-struck on the covers of letters. This was followed by adhesive stamps issued by various postal companies, principally of French origin. Unfortunately, the majority of these latter were of a speculative nature, the stamps being produced for the benefit of collectors.

The Suez Canal Company issued a series of four stamps in 1868, which, however, had a very short postal existence; but they seem to have attracted the attention of the forger, as there are at least five sets of imitations.

Asia also has been responsible for quite a number of separate local posts, notably those of the Native States of India, whose stamps are fully listed in the catalogues. In the Chinese Empire the chief local post was that of the treaty port of Shanghai, which commenced to issue stamps as early as 1865. Many of these are today extremely scarce. The posts that were set up much later at ports such as Chefoo and Chinkiang, though they certainly executed a small amount of postal business, catered principally for the collector, and should be looked upon with suspicion. They were suppressed in 1897 on the creation of the Imperial Chinese Post.

From these brief notes collectors will see that there is a great deal of scope for research in this branch of philately. The fact that local stamps cannot be obtained so readily as the majority of ordinary postage stamps should heighten their attractiveness in the eyes of the collector who delights to wander in quest of philatelic treasure.—*Stamp Collectors' Annual*.

CANADA—(Continued from page 273).

- \$1, plate 27.
- \$2, plate 26.
- \$3, plate 24.
- \$4, plate 22.
- \$5, plate 25.

The paper was the usual wove variety and the perforation gauged 12—the production of single-line or guillotine machines. Even in the case of values of which large quantities were printed, like the 3c, variations in shade are remarkably slight. The 1c is known split diagonally and the halves used as ½c and while this practice was disproved of by the Post Office Department the half stamps undoubtedly filled a local need as shown by an extract from a Canadian newspaper printed in the *Weekly Philatelic Era*, viz:—

The *Railway News* last week on account of not receiving permission from the Post-Master General to allow papers to go through the mails free, was compelled to pay postage. No half cent stamps being available, the post office department allowed one cent stamps to be cut in halves for postage. This is the first time on record we believe where such was allowed and the stamps have been eagerly sought after, one dollar being paid for a single stamp with the post office stamp on it. The *News* will pay twenty-five cents each for the one cent Jubilee stamps cut in halves bearing the post-office stamp of November 5th, 6th, or 8th, which was allowed to pass through the mails on that date owing to there being no regular half cent stamps available.

One set of Jubilee stamps—said to be the first one printed, though of course this statement cannot be taken literally as meaning the stamps were printed one at a time—was mounted in a specially designed portfolio and presented to the Duke of York, now His Most Gracious Majesty King George V. An account of this presentation set, taken from an old issue of the *WEEKLY*, is worthy of reproduction:

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And now we conclude our history of this Jubilee issue by another extract from the *WEEKLY* giving an account of the destruction of the dies and plates from which the stamps were made:—

On Friday afternoon, September 10th, I presented myself at the Post-Office Department and joined a party who were just leaving the building to

go over to the American Bank Note Co.'s building, a couple of blocks away. Arriving, we were conducted to the top floor by the manager. The plates, dies, etc., were brought out by those in charge, and the seventeen original dies after inspection by those present were placed one by one under a press and an obliterating roller passed over them several times; proofs were then pulled which faintly showed the outlines of the ovals, etc., but the words showing the values could not even be made out. Next, the rolls for transferring the impression from the dies to the plates came in for their share of attention. There were nineteen of them, and a few burns from an emery wheel quickly put each one "out of sight." The plates, 31 in number, were subjected to the same treatment as the dies, and the total time occupied in the destruction of the various parts occupied almost two hours.

Reference List.

1897. Engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Co., Ottawa, on wove paper. Perf. 12.
- 36. 1c black, Scott's No. 50.
 - 37. 1c orange, Scott's No. 51.
 - 38. 2c green, Scott's No. 52.
 - 39. 3c rose, Scott's No. 53.
 - 40. 5c deep blue, Scott's No. 54.
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CHAPTER XIV.

The "Maple Leaf" Issue of 1897.

Soon after the printing contract was awarded to the American Bank Note Company it was rumoured that a new series of stamps would be issued, but for a time public expectations of the new stamps were overshadowed by the appearance of the Diamond Jubilee issue. A cutting from an Ottawa paper dated September 28th, 1897, shows, however, that preparations for a new set were well in hand, viz.:—

The design for a new postage stamp has been approved by the Postmaster-General. There is a portrait of Her Majesty as she appeared at the coronation, except that a coronet is substituted for a crown. The portrait has been engraved from a photo procured during the Jubilee ceremonies, and upon which was the Queen's own autograph, so that it is authentic. The corners of the stamp will be decorated with maple leaves, which were pulled from maple trees on Parliament Hill and engraved directly from them. Everything indeed is correct and up to date, and the new issue will reflect credit on Mr. Mulock's good taste. The engravers will take care to make this permanent and ordinary issue a tribute to their skill. The present stock of stamps it will take some months to exhaust, and not till they are done will the new stamps be issued. It may be about November of this year.

About a month later a circular was addressed to postmasters announcing the issue of the new stamps as follows:

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of requisitions by the Postage Stamp Branch will be regulated by the same principle—that is to say, no item of the proposed issue will be sent out until the corresponding item of the present issue has been exhausted.

To conform to the requirements of the International Postal Union the color of the new 1c stamp will be green and that of the 5c stamp a deep blue.

R. M. COULTER,

Deputy Postmaster-General.

Post-Office Department, Canada.

OTTAWA, 25th October, 1897.

The Postmaster-General's Report for 1897, issued after the stamps had made their appearance, also refers to the new issue and to add completeness to our history we extract the following:—

Owing to the change of contract for the manufacture and supply of postage stamps, a new series of stamps became necessary at the beginning of the present fiscal year. New stamps ranging in value from the ½c to the 10c denomination (inclusive) were printed, and the first supplies thereof sent out to postmasters as the corresponding denominations of the old stamps became exhausted. A considerable quantity of the higher values of that series (15 cents, 20 cents and 50 cents) remaining over from the late contract, these three stamps continued to be issued, so that the department, previous to the introduction of the same denominations in the new series, might, in accordance with the universal practice, dispose of the old stamps in each case, before issuing any of the new. The design of the new stamps is of a uniform character, and consists of an engraved copy (reduced) of an authorized photograph of Her Majesty taken during the Diamond Jubilee year. This, placed within an oval bearing the usual inscriptions, is enclosed within a rectangular frame, a maple leaf on a lined ground occupying each of the triangular spaces between the two frames. To conform to the regulations of the Universal Postal Union, the color of the new 1 cent stamp is

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50 Chile	3	40 France	1.00	1000 Hingee	25
10 Greece	5	10 Jamaica	.10	50 British Colonies	25
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green, and that of the 5 cents a deep blue. This necessitated corresponding changes in the colors of the other stamps of the new series; for example, purple instead of green being selected for the 2 cent denomination, and orange instead of slate for the 8 cent.

The first denomination of the new series—the 1/2 cent—was placed on sale on November 9th, 1897. About the end of the same month the 6c made its appearance, and this was quickly followed by the 1c, 2c, 5c and 8c in December. The 3c and 10c were issued early in January, 1898, so that official instructions that the new stamps were not to be issued until the supplies of the old issue were exhausted were fully carried out, though all values were on sale within the space of about three months.



The design of the new stamps is at once simple and effective. In the central oval is a three-quarter face portrait of Her Majesty, with head to left, which was copied from a photograph taken by W. & D. Downey, of London, at the time of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Around the oval is a band of solid color containing the words CANADA POSTAGE above and the value in words below, all being in Egyptian capitals. The spandrels are filled with a ground of horizontal lines on which maple leaves rest. While, as Mr. Howes observes, "much criticism was engendered by the fact that the portrait was too large for its frame, making the design appear cramped," public verdict, as a whole, expressed unqualified approval of the new design.

The stamps, like those of the preceding issues, were printed from line-engraved plates and, with one exception, these plates contained one hundred impressions arranged in ten horizontal rows of ten each. The exception referred to occurred in the 1/2c, the first plate for which contained 200 stamps, arranged in ten rows of twenty stamps each. This is mentioned in the *Weekly Philatelic Era* as follows:—

By some misunderstanding the contractors, the American Bank Note Co., set the sheet up with 200 stamps, and the first five hundred sheets were so printed. The sheets were afterwards cut in two through the imprint, and we have these half sheets with a close imperforated margin on either the left or right edge. Afterwards sheets of 100 stamps were issued, all the stamps perforated on all four sides. Plate number collectors will find the earliest sheets difficult to obtain. Both sheets bear the plate number 1.

The imprint on the sheets followed the plan originated with the Jubilee series, "OTTAWA—No. 1," etc., being placed in the centre of the top margin. Each value began with No. 1 and apparently for the 5c, 6c, 8c, and 10c the one

plate sufficed. For the 1/2c, as we have already shown, there were two plates, both numbered "1"; while for the 1c there were two plates, for the 2c, three plates, and for the 3c, six plates.

The stamps were printed on stout white wove paper, similar to that used for the Jubilee stamps and at some time or other a slightly thinner and more brittle paper seems to have been used. The paper for the 5c is of a distinctly bluish color—this being the first occasion on which colored paper was used for any of the postage stamps of the Dominion.

The perforation was the regulation gauge of 12, which has been in continuous use since 1858, and, as the *Philatelic Record* stated when first chronicling the issue, "many of the stamp are badly centered, a characteristic defect of the American Bank Note Company's work." The 5c is known entirely imperforate.

Reference List.

1897. Engraved and Printed by the American Bank Note Co., Ottawa, on wove paper. Perf. 12.

- 52. 1/2c black, Scott's No. 66.
- 53. 1c green, Scott's No. 67.
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- 56. 5c dark blue on bluish, Scott's No. 70.
- 57. 6c brown, Scott's No. 71.
- 58. 8c orange, Scott's No. 72.
- 59. 10c brown-violet, Scott's No. 73.

CHAPTER XV.

The "Numeral" Issue of 1898.

The "maple-leaf" issue had not been long in use before complaints were made that owing to the lack of plain numerals it was a difficult matter to distinguish the various denominations. In its issue for April 2nd, 1898, the *Metropolitan Philatelist* stated another ground for complaint and also referred to a forthcoming change, viz.:—

Much dissatisfaction is expressed by the French speaking inhabitants of the rural parts at the lack of figures of value on the stamps, the denomination in all cases being printed in English which they are unable to understand. It has, therefore, been decided to alter the new stamps by removing the maple leaves from the lower corners and inserting large numerals of value in their place. The space occupied by the head will also be somewhat enlarged and the value will be placed on a straight band below.

A few months later the re-drawn stamps made their appearance, for the *Monthly Journal* for July 30th, 1898, records the issue of the 1c and 3c denominations as follows:—

The design is certainly improved, the oval being enlarged so that its outer line covers the outer line of the rectangle at each side and at top and bottom. The band being the same width as before, this allows a larger space for the head, which no longer appears so closely "cribbed, cabined and confined." The inscriptions remain unchanged, but in each of the lower corners is a plain rectangular block, containing a colored numeral.

Mr. Howes states that these two values were issued on June 21st, 1898, and, following its usual custom, the Canadian Post-office did not place the other denominations on sale until the

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corresponding values of the old series were all used up. Thus, the 1/2c, 2c and 6c did not appear until early in September, the 8c was placed on sale in the first few days of October, the 10c was issued in the early part of November, while the 5c, which was the laggard of the series, was not on sale until July 3rd, 1899.



Although the design was entirely redrawn and the wider oval gave the portrait a less cramped effect, it did not satisfy all the critics—though, so far as this fact is concerned, it is doubtful if any stamp issued anywhere at any time has met with universal approbation!

The stamps were produced by the usual method of steel engraved plates and they were printed in sheets of 100, in ten rows of ten, as had now become the regular custom. The imprint is like that on the sheets of the "maple leaf" issue and, again as with that series, the numbering of the plates started with "1" for each denomination. So little interest seems to have been taken in these marginal varieties that no authoritative record of the several plates employed has been kept. Mr. Howes gives but one plate for the 1/2c, 6c, 8c and 10c values, three for the 5c, four each for the 2c and 3c, and six for the 1c but it seems highly probable there were many more especially for such values as the 1c and 2c which were used in very large quantities.

In 1901 there were rumours that some of the stamps of this type had been re-engraved, the foundation for the canard being the following paragraph from the WEEKLY:—

Mr. H. A. Chapman has sent me a specimen of a re-engraved 1c Canada



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numeral, in which the differences from the first issue demand recognition. The re-engraved type is shorter and wider than the one preceding it. I note also that the 2c is said to exist in the same condition.

In reprinting this statement the *Philatelic Record* observed "Can this be true; or is it only another case of a slight difference caused by the shrinkage after wetting the sheets for printing purposes?"

The *Monthly Journal* for September, 1901, soon set the matter at rest as shown by the following extract:—

Miss A. L. Swift very kindly informs us that a friend of hers made enquiries at headquarters in Ottawa, and was assured that no re-engraving whatever has taken place, and that any differences that exist must be due to shrinkage or expansion of the paper during the process of printing. Our correspondent, who is a well-known American writer upon philatelic subjects and a careful philatelist, tells us that the 1/2c, 1c and 2c of the numeral type and several values of the Maple Leaf type, show these variations, and adds that in the case of the 1/2c of both issues one size is found in grey-black only, and the other in deep black only. It is possible that the amount or thickness of the ink employed may have some effect upon the varying shrinkage of the paper.

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The same journal refers to the matter again in the following month, viz.:—

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The above seems to be the most reasonable explanation of the differences for the measurements of the so-called long and short stamps are practically constant, which one would naturally expect to find if two sorts of paper, differing slightly in thickness and quality, were used.

Reference List.

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| 60. | 1c black, Scott's No. 74. |
| 61. | 1c green, Scott's No. 75. |
| 62. | 2c purple, Scott's No. 76. |
| 63. | 3c carmine, Scott's No. 77. |
| 64. | 5c dark blue on bluish, Scott's No. 78. |
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The 3d on the lemon yellow through paper has also received the "WAR STAMP" surcharge, superseding the first printing on the white back stamp.

A new value, 1 1/2d orange, made its appearance on July 13th. This to take care of the combined letter rate and war tax. The design is the same as the current 1d George.—HARRY E. HUBER.

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EDITORIAL.

Done—The Danish West Indies finally have come under the wing of the United States by purchase. Particulars of the sale appeared in the newspapers, and we shall spare our subscribers any comment on the transaction, now that the sale has actually been consummated. The change of title to the islands from Denmark to the United States has long been anticipated by stamp folks, and upon the reports of the impending sale at different times in the past ten or fifteen years, we have valiantly, even if somewhat vaguely, dwelled upon the philatelic aspect of the transfer of ownership. About ten years ago, when the sale seemed certain, we issued a Danish West Indies special. At any rate, the earlier rumors had a good effect, and the interesting issues of the islands were studied closely by students such as J. M. Bartels, G. L. Toppan, and John N. Luff, in an exhaustive way, for the first time. The Danish West Indies will be welcome to our sisterhood of states.

Visitor—Cosme Hinojosa, postmaster-general of Mexico, has just made a short visit to Chicago, where we had the privilege of meeting him for the second time. Our interview with the gentleman was not a free-flowing one, even though the translator strove manfully to bridge the lingual chasm. We hope to whip the statements of Senor Hinojosa into shape for presentation in the next issue. By-the-way, the remarks on the Mexican philatelic situation and Senor Hinojosa in the preceding number were merely a coincidence and written before the postmaster-general had made his appearance, and with no knowledge of his impending visit.

Also—Comes now another distinguished visitor almost from Mexico, in the person of Mr. S. B. Hopkins of Laredo, Texas, into the north, and all but suffers prostration from the heat. Mr. Hopkins is certainly in touch with Mexican philatelic affairs, and incidentally he showed us a specialized collection of the stamps of Oaxaca that he claims is without a peer; and we can imagine no more complete a collection of these stamps from the important

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district in question. As mentioned, Mr. Hopkins is intimately acquainted with the recent Mexican issues, and in his remarks we could detect the strain of conviction that while there are some black sheep among the stamps, the majority of the issues are uncontaminated under close philatelic scrutiny.

Service—We were pleased to receive a card from Dr. Carroll Chase, celebrated through his wonderful studies of the first three issues of United States stamps, who recently entered the French military service. Under date of July 10th, he says: "I have been assigned to a military hospital in this quiet old city of Orleans. I spent over two weeks in Paris and nosed around the stamp dealers until my nose was sore, but found practically no early U. S." Dr. Chase's article on the 1847 issue of the United States, which is running in the *Philatelic Gazette*, is easily the most masterly treatise on the subject that ever has appeared.

Sport—A reader, Mr. Silas Chapman, Jr., Hartford, Connecticut, writes: "For several days I have been getting circulars and begging letters to vote for certain persons for various positions in different stamp societies. It is so puzzling and annoying that I do not understand why this actual scrapping should occur. What have you to say regarding it?" Philatelic politics is a summer sport much engaged in when the weather is unfavorable to stamp handling. Played cleanly, the game is not uninteresting, although the philosopher might say that it is much ado about nothing. One thing may be said: The average philatelic candidate does not ask what is there "in it" for him if successful. His reward is in glory which too often palls before the work entailed by the affairs of office in which he serves gratuitously. A well-balanced interest in philatelic politics is defensible, and only the extremes should be avoided.

Convention—Judging from the account of the convention of the National Philatelic Society at Lynn, Mass., during the week ending July 22nd, that appeared in Lynn *Daily Evening Item*, the sessions were very satisfactory ones. While the outside social features were marred by unfavorable weather, yet the time was employed to good advantage. Elsewhere, we present a summary of the newspaper account of the proceedings of the National Philatelic Society at its annual convention.

Reported—There has been some inquiry at the St. John's, Newfoundland, post office for the one and two cent Cabot issue, which has been due, we assume, to the careless assertion that has appeared in some of the stamp papers to the effect that the Cabot set was still on sale there. It is hinted that not a few enterprising dealers in the United States sought to replenish their stocks of the one and two cent, Cabot, at face. At last accounts, the following stamps were on sale at St. John's: One and two cent, coronation issue; three cent, Queen Alexandra, 1898-99; four cent, Princess of Wales, 1901 issue; five cent, coronation; six to sixty cents, inclusive, Cabot.

Righted—The department at Washington has been circulating the following correction of a mis-statement that appeared in a recent issue of the July, 1916, Postal Guide: "Unsealed fourth-class domestic mail is prohibited regis-

tration, but such matter may be registered when sealed and not in excess of the weight prescribed for first-class mail, upon the payment of the usual registry fee and postage at the first-class or letter rate."

Character—Through the kindness of Mr. Maitland Milliken, we have received the subscription of Mr. Joseph Newzil of New Zealand, a man whose career truly has been one varied and picturesque. Mr. Newzil presents himself pictorially on a camel "as a gold digger in central western Australia, 1895-9." He says: "In this region are no rivers, no creeks, no running sweet water. It seldom rains, the ground is salty. . . . Good water comes from the coast, 400 to 1,000 miles away. It is dear. I had a camel. It carried my food, water, tools, tent and my blankets. The camel got a drink once a week. It ate salt bush leaves. Many have perished here. There are terrific dust storms. I nearly perished here. My mate perished here. My bed was a blanket on the ground. I had a wash when it rained heavy. No rain, no wash." Mr. Newzil, "a native of Bohemia and a citizen of San Francisco, California, since 1878, and a resident of Wellington, New Zealand, since 1902", is a philatelic character of pronounced type; and we infer that he meets with some degree of success as a stamp handler.

LYNN'S N. P. S. CONVENTION.

With two lively business sessions, journeys through the big Lynn stores, visits to some de luxe movie, and a banquet at King Joy's in the evening, the second day of the fourth annual convention of the National Philatelic Society was an eventful one, despite the wet weather.

The first session was held at Hotel Hamilton at 10 A. M., and it was devoted to the reading of several reports that revealed progress in all the departments, especially membership, which has practically doubled in the past year, and to the annual election of officers. The minutes of the last meeting, held in New York City last summer, were read by Secretary A. M. Wright, and approved by the gathering. A discussion of one-cent postage followed, and the members voted that the idea advanced by parties fighting two-cent postage be rejected.

E. H. Thompson of Portland, the newly elected president, made a very short speech of what might be termed the official greeting in his new capacity: "Howdy."

The newly elected officers are: President, E. H. Thompson, Portland; vice president, C. R. Goetz, New York City; second vice president, Hugo Meyer, Portland; secretary-treasurer, A. M. Wright, Boston, re-elected; international secretary, Oscar Hill, Boston, re-elected; directors-at-large, M. M. Herbert, New York City; F. W. Stiles, Boston; M. Ohlman, New York City.

The oldest member present at the fourth annual is Sherman Follansbee of Swampscott, a member of both the national and local branch, who is 68 years of age. Master John S. Mangan of Lynn is the youngest, at 11 years. He is a member of the national, and will join the local branch later.

To-day's program will be more pleasure than business, for after the session devoted to unfinished work, there will be a breathing spell, and then a trip to Nantasket, where the bowler members will fight it out among themselves, and decide on the champion stamp-collecting ten-pin punisher.—*Daily Evening Item*, Lynn, Mass.

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It was a distinct pleasure for the managing editor to meet the collectors of St. Paul and Minneapolis on Tuesday evening, July 18. A score of collectors were present at a dinner served at the St. Paul Commercial Club, the arrangements having been effected by Olaf J. Olson.

It is needless to say that the evening was a very enjoyable one, both collector and dealer being represented in the assembled company. There was no set program, and the informality of the occasion rendered it all the more pleasant. The managing editor of the WEEKLY desired to express his thanks to Mr. Olson for his courtesy in arranging so delightful an occasion.

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107	1895, 1, 2, 5, 20, 50c, 1, 2, 5, 10p, 9 var.12	
108	1896, 1, 2, 5, 50c, 2p, 5 var.08	
109	1897, 1, 2, 5, 10c, 1, 5p, 6 var.10	
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117	1896, 1, 2, 5, 10, 50c, 1p, 6 var.08	
118	1897, 1, 2, 5, 10, 50c, 1, 5p, 7 var.10	
119	1898, 1, 2, 4, 5, 15, 20, 50c, 1, 5p, 9 var.12	
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—The publishers of the Standard Catalog inform us that advance sheets of the 1917 edition are to appear this week. The early issue of this catalog will mean much in stimulating a good fall business.

—Our subscribers cannot fail to have noticed the appearance in our columns of a new advertiser, who is making a specialty of United States revenues. We refer to F. P. Gibbs, of Olean, N. Y., who will be regularly found in our columns in coming months. Mr. Gibbs comes to us with excellent recommendations, and we know that our readers will find it a pleasure and a satisfaction to deal with him. He has a large stock of good material.

—O. W. Lindquist of N. Y. City has sent Buddie Lewis of Springfield, Ohio, a supply of covers which had accumulated, feeling that as a shut-in Mr. Lewis would find them of interest. We are grateful to numerous of our subscribers for the interest they have taken in Mr. Lewis.

—From "somewhere on the Atlantic", W. F. Ferguson, whose adlets of last winter were patronized by our readers, sends us greetings. The envelope bears a fine "U. S. S. Kentucky" cancellation. Mr. Ferguson is remembering some of his friends that he believes "would be interested in a battleship postmark."

—M. Ohlman, the New York dealer, is recuperating from an operation performed recently at the Polyclinic Hospital. He was away from the office some two weeks.

—The Stamp Shop of Chicago calls our attention to the fact that another firm is doing business under a similar name. The firm urges our readers to note this fact.

—We are in receipt of greetings from Carroll Chase, M. D., who writes us from Orleans, France, where he has been assigned to hospital service. Two weeks were spent upon his arrival abroad in Paris.

—Mann's Catalog of United States Postage Stamps, to be issued Sept. 1, 1916, while a price list, will not be at all cramped or abridged, but will be an entertaining work, with copious notes and references. Mr. Mann insists that the catalog will be most complete, original, and comprehensive, and the beginner or specialist will find it a very handy work on the stamps of the United States.

—Greetings of various kinds reach the office of the WEEKLY daily. A card is at hand from Roger Batchelder, with the 8th Mass. Inf.

—In our issue of July 29, the statement appeared that a Philatelic Press Club and Literature Society was organized July 22 at Lynn, during the convention of the National Philatelic Society. We are in receipt of a communication from E. L. Clark, in which he states that the N. P. S. had nothing to do with the newly organized Press Club. Mr. Clark writes us that the American Philatelic Press Club organized June 1 has for its purpose the bringing together of philatelic editors, publishers, and prominent writers, and also has no connection with the organization previously referred to in our news gleanings.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from C. H. McBride, Hollis Thacher, Chas. H. Hermann (4).

—L. B. Peaslee of Milwaukee, Wis., also offers Buddie Lewis one dollar for a sheet of shades of the current 2c stamp with perforation 10. This is in keeping with the idea advanced by Mr. Marsh of giving Master Lewis some definite work along stamp lines.

—A batch of four clippings has been received from Charles H. Hermann. One of the number informs us that Berlin is compiling regulations and a scale of charges for a submarine postal service between Germany and America. Government correspondence is to have precedence.

—While the managing editor was in St. Paul, he met among other collectors William Hoyt Yale, who advised him that he had in his collection a 2c brown 1883 United States on distinctly laid paper. It was secured from a Washington friend, and in a letter just at hand from Olaf J. Olson is the following:—"This is certainly a very distinct variety in paper, and is in fact the most distinct laid paper I have ever seen on any stamp." This is interesting in view of the contention that no U. S. stamps have been printed on paper of this kind.

—If too much trouble to procure a money order when you renew your subscription or purchase books from our list, remit in stamps 5c to 15c denominations. We shall appreciate the favor.

—Frank M. Mason of Providence, R. I., would like the present address of John S. Watts. Who can assist?

—Occasionally we are compelled to call attention to the fact that the name of our firm cannot be used as a reference by our subscribers doing business with advertisers. The latest offender is a New York subscriber residing in the Bronx, and as this is the first offense, we shall spare him the publicity of personal mention. Advertisers will please note that bank or commercial references should be insisted upon in connection with approval applications.

—We learn that while France has prohibited the importation of postage stamps, Italy has forbidden their exportation. Great Britain has adopted the policy of allowing dealers to send stamps to the United States providing a special permit be taken out. We note that Whitfield King & Co., and Hugo Griebert & Co., have both availed themselves of this governmental privilege, and no doubt the other English dealers will do likewise.

—Burt McCann, Minneapolis, Minn., is seriously ill, and confined in a hospital, so will not be able to attend to his stamp business for a few weeks. He is improving daily and hopes to return to his home shortly.

—A foreign correspondent of the WEEKLY is anxious to procure some of the 12c stamps in the copper-red color, and if any of our subscribers can indicate to us post offices where they may be secured we shall greatly appreciate the favor. These stamps show quite a distinct tinted back.

A. P. S. PROXIES.

Several subscribers have already sent the Managing Editor their A. P. S. proxies and we wish to say that we shall be very glad to serve any members who may wish to use us in this manner. It will not be necessary for the proxy sender to affix the 10c revenue stamp that is called for, as the society will itself furnish the stamps needed from its general fund. Any instructions will be carefully complied with.

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1912	50c green	130	.10
1912	20c red and brown	143	.05
1913	1c orange, unused	149	.04
1913	2c green, unused	150	.04
1913	3c slate green, used or un'd	151	.04
1913	5c red lilac	152	.08
1913	10c blue	154	.07
1913	1c orange, used or unused	161	.04
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French Guinea07
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French Oceania "Local Surcharge"25
French Oceania "Paris Surcharge"07
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CAYMAN ISLANDS.

In the early part of the year the matter of issuing a Red Cross stamp was discussed at a meeting of the vestry, and passed upon favorably. The Governor of Jamaica, to whom all such matter must be submitted, would not approve, and the issue did not take place. It remains to be seen whether the Islands will now fall into line with St. Vincent, St. Lucia, and Grenada, in establishing a 1d War Tax on inland letters, and those destined to the British Empire.—HARRY E. HUBER.

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1913, \$1 No. 191.....	.30	.09
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PARCELS POST CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA.

Office of Second Asst. P. M. Gen.,
WASHINGTON, July 25, 1916.

A parcel post convention having been concluded between the United States and China to take effect August 1, 1916, parcel post packages for China will be admitted on and after that date to the parcel post mails for that country made up in and dispatched from this country.

Parcel post packages exchanged between the United States and China must not weigh more than 11 pounds (5 kilograms), or measure more than 3 feet, 6 inches in length, and 6 feet in length and girth combined, and, in the case of parcels for or from non-steam-served places in China, must not exceed 25 cubic decimeters (one cubic foot) in volume. A list of the only places in China to parcels for which the limitation of one cubic foot in volume does not apply is printed hereunder.

Postage must be paid in full at the following rates, viz.: In the United States, on parcels for China, 12 cents per pound, or fraction of a pound; and in China, on parcels for the United States, 35 cents (Chinese currency) per pound, or fraction of a pound, except that on parcels for or from non-steam-served places in China an additional Chinese domestic parcel post may be levied and collected by the Chinese service.

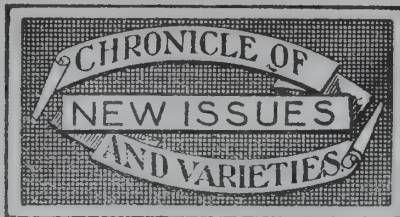
Parcel-post packages for China may be registered.

The Parcel Post Regulations on pages 47 to 49, and 147 and 148, of the Postal Guide for July, 1916, apply to parcel post packages for or from China.

Parcel post mails for China will be made up, for the present, at the post offices of San Francisco, Seattle, and Honolulu.

Postmasters will cause due notice of the foregoing to be taken at their offices, and the widest possible publicity to be given thereto.

[Note. There are over 600 "steam served" offices in China.]



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—The following new envelopes are reported by J. M. Bartels:

Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Kn.
2c	A2	5	Blue	19	87
2c	A2	8	White	19	59
2c	A	2	White	20	79
2c	A2	5	Amber	20	87

ARGENTINE.—*Champion's Bulletin* gives the exact quantities of each value of the commemorative issue, which were put on sale in all the post offices of the Argentine Republic on the 8th July, and which will be sold until the 31st December, 1916.

Portrait of Francisco Narciso Laprida.
President of the Congress of Tucuman.

2c,	1,400,000
1c,	1,800,000
2c,	6,000,000
3c,	430,000
4c,	170,000

The Taking of the Oath of Independence.

5c,	18,000,000
10c,	500,000

Portrait of General San Martin.

12c,	1,400,000
20c,	60,000
24c,	60,000
30c,	60,000
50c,	50,000

BARBADOS.—*Ewen's Weekly* is informed that all values of the 1912 issue were called in by June 15, 1d and 1d burned publicly, and the higher values reserved for revenue purposes. Special embossed revenue stamps are being prepared in London, and meanwhile the postage stamps of 1912 have been made to serve by means of various provisional overprintings.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—*Ewen's Weekly* is informed the 5c registration envelope was overprinted with violet network, and sent to Belize over a year ago. The number so overprinted was 10,057. They have not yet been put on sale.

CANADA.—George L. Berry sends us a specimen of the current 2c stamp raised to 3c as a result of the war tax, showing a perforation 12 at the top and bottom and 8 at the sides. Mr. Berry advises us that he has a block of four, but is unable to give any reason for the variety of perforation. We hope to give some official information concerning this stamp at an early date.

DOMINICA.—The *Colonial Journal* says that the 1d view design has been supplied overprinted "War Tax One Half-penny" in red.

ERITREA.—*Smith's Monthly Circular* says that the current 40c stamp of Italy has been overprinted "Colonia Eritrea," for use in that Colony.

Adhesive.
40c brown.

FRENCH OFFICES IN THE LEVANT.—*Champion's Monthly Bulletin* gives the following particulars of the new issues for the small islands of Rouad and Casteliorizzo, both of which have recently come under the control of France:

Rouad.—The French occupied this island in September, 1915. A short time afterwards they found it necessary to establish a provisional post office which received a supply of 5c, 10c and 25c adhesives and also postcards from Port Said. This bulk consisted of 1,200 specimens of each value. In the parcel was a horizontal seal bearing the words "ile Rouad" and it is with this seal that

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Special Blank Leaves, per doz., 15c; per 100.....	.75

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the post office officials, authorized by the Lieutenant of the War-vessel, who performed the duties as Governor of the Island, forthwith surcharged the stamps and postcards they had received. Naturally the stock was very quickly used up, and when on March 22, the decree appeared, officially establishing the Post Office at Rouad, not a single stamp was left, and the Postmaster was obliged to send to Port Said to ask for a new supply, and also for the other values of the series up to the 1 franc.

Casteliorizzo.—This island, situated on the borders of Asia Minor, near to the Island of Cyprus, and which belonged to Greece, was taken by a detachment of the French on the 28th December, 1915. Although not officially announced, a post office was established under the supervision of the Naval-forces. This office, just like Rouad, used the stamps of French Levant without any surcharge, which were given to it, by the post office at Rhodes, and the few copies received bear an obliterating seal of the Navy.

Only four values are on sale; these are the 5, 10, 25, and 50 centimes of the French Levant series. It is probable that very shortly there will be likewise officially established at Casteliorizzo a French post office, and perhaps we will see there, as at the Isle of Rouad, surcharged stamps.

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS.—The *Australian Philatelist* reports the 1d King George, printed from plate 2. The shade is similar to plate 1, but the design shows slight alterations.

JAMAICA.—J. A. Galbraith has shown us the new 1 1/2d stamp, which we understand was received in Kingston June 21. It is printed on white, multiple paper and perforated 14. Hermann Focke has also shown us a used copy of this stamp.

Adhesive.
1 1/2d orange.

Ewen's Weekly says that notwithstanding the *Postage Stamp* announced in its issue of June 3 that the 1d value had been overprinted "War Stamp," the same has not yet appeared, and *Ewen's Weekly* quotes the Postmaster at Kingston as authority for the statement that the value had not been so overprinted at the date of writing, June 22. *Ewen's Weekly* also states that the following errors have been found in a sheet of 240 stamps of the 1d value, overprinted "War Stamp":

- "WARISTAMP". 35th and 43d stamps on third pane.
- No stop after "STAMP". 44th stamp on third pane.
- "W AR" spaced. 55th stamp on third pane.
- Double stop or ";". 7th stamp on fourth pane.
- "STAMP" 18th stamp on fourth pane.

The error, "WARISTAMP" also occurs on the 3d value. It is not yet known whether the new 1 1/2d will have the "War Stamp" overprint, Mr. Galbraith's copy, noted above, being without.

MONTSERRAT.—The *Colonial Journal* says that an entirely new series of stamps is in preparation, the design showing a portrait of King George and the arms of the Colony, similar in type

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to the Barbados issue of 1912. The colors and values will be the same as the current set.

NEW ZEALAND.—According to *Ewen's Weekly*, the 2d and 4d values deep yellow and 4d bright violet, the new colors of the current series, have been found perforated both 14x13 1/2 and 14x14 1/2.

ST. LUCIA.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports having seen the 1d scarlet stamp of this Colony overprinted "WAR-TAX" in two lines.

ST. VINCENT.—According to the *Colonial Journal*, the 1d value of the current series has been overprinted "War Stamp" in black.

SPAIN.—According to *Scott's Circular*, the issue to commemorate the centenary of Cervantes has taken an unexpected form. Instead of an issue for the use of the general public, two series of official stamps have appeared, one for the Senate and one for the Chamber of Deputies. There are four designs, showing the House of Deputies, the Statue of Cervantes, the National Library, and a portrait of Cervantes. The centers are printed in black, and the frames in different colors for the two legislative branches of the Government. There is nothing about the stamps to indicate value, the order in which they should be listed, or the department to which they belong.

Adhesives.
For the Senate.
Green and black, House of Deputies.
Brown and black, Statue of Cervantes.
Carmine and black, National Library.
Brown and black, Portrait of Cervantes.
For the Chamber of Deputies.
Violet and black, House of Deputies.
Carmine and black, Statue of Cervantes.
Green and black, National Library.
Violet and black, Portrait of Cervantes.

ZANZIBAR.—The *Colonial Journal* reports that the 1r, 2r, 3r, and 4r values are in course of printing, on multiple CA paper.

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NEW WORLDS TO CONQUER.

By D. B. ARMSTRONG.

If novelty is the spice of life, it is likewise the essence of popular Philately. New issues, new discoveries, and more particularly the rise of new stamp-issuing countries, serve to impart that topical element that renders stamp collecting a continuously "live" hobby.

In the career of every stamp collector comes a time when he is imbued with the desire to break away from the limitations of the printed album and try a prentice hand at philatelic specialism. If he is wise his choice will fall upon one of the newer and less exploited countries, so that not only can the foundations of a really ambitious specialised collection be laid at a minimum outlay, but it can afterwards be extended and developed in accordance with the country's philatelic progress.

In newer stamp-issuing countries there are greater probabilities of an early increase in the values of initial issues, instances in point being found in the Cayman Islands, British New Guinea and Papua, Tibet, the British Solomon Islands, and the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, to quote only a few recent examples.

Quite a number of new countries, or groups, with infinite possibilities from the view-point of the specialist in embryo, owe their origin to the Balkan Wars and to the Great War of 1914-1916. A few of the more important may be indicated here for the guidance and possible influence of philatelists on the look-out for New Worlds to Conquer:—

Albania: The postal issues of this distressful country, whilst not wholly free from the taint of speculation, are none the less both historically and philatelically interesting, and still provide a fruitful field for research. Many varieties are genuinely scarce.

Epirus: Another outcome of the Balkan imbroglio. An interesting and not too complicated group of issues, but little exploited by British philatelists.

Gilbert and Ellice Islands: Now that this Protectorate has been elevated to the dignity of a Crown Colony, further philatelic developments may be anticipated, and the present is therefore an opportune moment to undertake the formation of a moderately specialised collection. There are a number of elusive postmark varieties. The first set is still obtainable at a fairly moderate figure.

Morocco: Apart from the Foreign Postal Agencies, the Land of the Setting Sun has not hitherto figured prominently in the stamp album, since in most cases the purely local issues of the private posts are not provided for. Two or three issues have, however, recently appeared under the French Protectorate, and as the foreign post offices are being gradually closed down the collector intent upon group collecting might do worse than turn his attention to this country.

Australian Commonwealth: Already, with paper and other varieties, the stamps of the Australian Commonwealth form quite an imposing array, with the possibility of important innovations in the near future.

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Nauru (Marshall Islands): "Specimen" copies are reported at the moment of writing of a set of six British postage and revenue stamps overprinted "Nauru" for use in the chief island of the Marshall group, formerly a German colony.

Chinese Turkestan: One of the very newest stamp-issuing states. At present Chinese Republican stamps overprinted in local currency are employed, but owing to the exigencies of exchange, a permanent issue is not improbable.

N. W. Pacific Islands: Now that a provisional issue, with this overprint, has been provided for use in the ex-German territories under Australian administration, further philatelic developments will doubtless follow on the conclusion of peace, when localised overprints may be adopted for the Commonwealth dependencies, as in the case of New Zealand.

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CHAPTER VII.—The New Imperial Post.

Such, then, was the postal service of the Empire up to 1897—the exclusive Imperial courier service, the Customs postal system, the private posts, the local posts, and the foreign postal agencies at the Treaty Ports—surely a good field for improvement.

As early as 1893 Sir Robert Hart, Chief of the Imperial Maritime Customs, recommended the establishment of a postal system for the Empire modeled upon the European pattern and the plan received the Emperor's approval. The proposed scheme intended that the service at the Treaty Ports should retain its connection with the Imperial Customs Department. For the other ports and the interior of the country the scheme was to have a Director of Posts for each province, with a deputy in each city of the first class, all these officials, as usual, to be non-residents appointed from Peking. Their assistants might be Chinese, but must be acquainted with the English language. In cities of the second or third rank, and the country towns, the post-offices were to be managed by the Chinese.

By the end of 1896, under the Imperial decree of March 20 of that year, arrangements had been completed; Sir Robert Hart had been appointed General Postal Director at Peking, and notifications and instructions were being sent out relative to the operation of the new system. The Customs post office at Peking was made the chief Imperial post-office and had control over all the Customs post-offices in the Treaty Ports, which were thereafter to be known as Imperial post-offices. As Shanghai was the most important Treaty Port, and naturally the most important office of transit, special officials were appointed for it and the general supervision of the postal service was placed in the hands of the Director of the Statistical Department, to whom all reports of postmasters, etc., were to be made. He in turn prepared them for the General Postal Director at Peking, who presented the final report to the Tsung-li Yamen.

With the advent of the new system came the closing of all the local posts, Shanghai included, and all transportation companies were notified that they were to receive mail matter for transmission only from Imperial post-offices, under penalty. In the inland districts, however, where the private postal establishments were practically the only facilities for forwarding the mails, the Imperial post-offices were to make special arrangements with them for such duty.

The Shanghai Local Post establishment, however, because of its importance and equipment for delivery and collection of mail, was taken over and operated by the new Imperial post, and the "Shanghai Local Post" cancellation is often found on the low values of the first two Imperial issues, showing their use on local postal matter in that city.

The foreign postal agencies were allowed to remain at the open ports, however, in a somewhat similar manner to the foreign post-offices in the Turkish and Levantine ports. But the inter-port mails were required to be given to an Imperial post-office for forwarding. For such inter-port mail matter, even if transmitted in the foreign office mails, only Chinese stamps were to be used. Special arrangements were made with Hongkong and Macao by which mail matter prepaid with Chinese stamps alone would hereafter be delivered without collecting any "postage due."

The Imperial offices at the Treaty Ports, as far as the rates on foreign mail matter applied, were considered as belonging to the Postal Union, but as China had not then joined the Union, although she notified the Berne office of her intention of doing so, the Imperial post-offices had, as before, to give the foreign mails to a foreign postal agency where they were supplied with the proper amount of Postal Union stamps before they entered the Postal Union mails as prepaid matter. Conversely, foreign mail matter arriving at a foreign postal agency had to be given to the Imperial post-office for delivery to the addressee; and if the latter was in an inland place the domestic rate from

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CANCELATION DESIGNS.

By WM. L. STEVENSON.

Just to live up the pages of the *Journal* and to take your minds off your troubles, if any, here are a few cancellations seen in my own collection and elsewhere. No guarantee goes as to the pedigrees of the animals represented. They are as near the cancellations as we could make them. Where there has been any real doubt, we have given the animal, or other design, the benefit of the doubt and improved it a bit.

If you know anything whatever as to where these designs come from or if you can add any information whatever of any kind, please let's have it.

So far as we know, we have avoided repicturing any very well known designs, such as the "kicking mule" of Port

some more ornate, occur in this and several later issues. I have seen mighty few of any one design.

6. *Star and Crescent.* Possibly Turkish, possibly Masonic. 3c, 81. 2c, 83.

7. *Pigeon.* A real "carrier" cancellation. Used on small envelopes for billets doux from Rockford, Ill. 3c, 67.

8. *Horse.* A bit "off" in the legs and the tail a bit unnatural, etc., but a horse nevertheless. Some extra ink on the stamp may indicate that a man should be in attendance. Possibly this is simply the halter-shank hanging down. 3c, 67.

9. *Elephant.* The tail, in my specimen, falls off the stamp. The notches at the left are not anatomical but repre-



Townsend, etc. If we have repeated someone else we didn't mean to do it. We hope no feelings are seriously injured at any rate and will apologize if required.

1. *Double interlacing triangles.* 3c, 1851.

2. *Single interlacing triangles.* 3c, 73.

3. *Lyre.* From Canton, Mississippi, 3c, 57. There is another type of this lyre from the same place with the extensions missing from the sides of the frame and with three bars across the top. Yes. This postmaster who made this LYRE is the one accused of producing the latest added split provisionals of the catalogue. Any connection?

4. *Plain grid.* Not a remarkable design in some ways but of some interest as it seems unusual. 3c, 57. 3c, 61. Columbus, Ohio.

5. *Masonic.* Square and compass. 3c, 61. Variations, some more crude and

sent where the cancellation ended with the stamp. Probably this, when complete, is quite a presentable elephant. 2c, 83.

10. *Conventional leaf.* 3c, 67. Some in several issues and in all sorts of variations. This is about the neatest of the truly conventional ones.

11. *Clover.* 3c, 73. Several designs of clover in this period, and possibly in others. This is the only one I have seen showing the veins.

12. *Conventional leaf.* Different style from most others. 3c, 73. I have seen this in this issue only.

Next time we will show more of them, possibly fifteen at one sitting. Then there are at least as many more already on tap. If you have anything you are especially proud of in the way of a cancellation, tell us about it. Possibly there will be room for it in this gallery. —*Collectors' Journal.*

THE NEW BARBADOS STAMPS.

(A New York subscriber, J. R. Wilson, sends us the following clipping from a Barbados paper. It is interesting in the fact that it gives us a bit of local opinion as to the merit of the new issue.—Ed.)

A new issue of Barbados stamps of extraordinarily ugly and inartistic design has just been made. The penny stamp is a very large and ungainly size, some of the plates are evidently defective as the "T" in Regnantes does not

show and the "D" in Barbados appears unfinished. The designer has a figure, apparently King George, sitting one-sided on a kind of tumbrel with the tires gone from the spokes of the wheel, holding at arm's length a huge trident; the left hand, apparently resting on his knee, holds a slack pair of reins by which two sea horses, one of which seems to be harnessed by the nose. The other elements of the harnessing to the car have evidently been forgotten by the artist.

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—A foreign correspondent of the WEEKLY is anxious to procure some of the 12c stamps in the copper-red color, and if any of our subscribers can indicate to us post offices where they may be secured we shall greatly appreciate the favor. These stamps show quite a distinct tinted back.

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In the July printing on the blue green stamp, the small "P" variety is on the first stamp of the second pane, and the no period variety on the 7th stamp of the fourth pane.

The postal authorities at Kingston have refused in some cases to fill large orders from dealers, requesting them to wait until others arrive from London. Perhaps we are to have a London surcharge.—HARRY E. HUBER.

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EDITORIAL.

Change—An important change has been made in the manner in which the Treasury Department is sending currency from Washington to the national banks throughout the country. Some time ago, the new and "washed" currency was sent by express, but later it was transferred by mail. On the packages from Washington the postage was paid by stamps of the higher denominations, and to this fact it was due in some measure that the 9, 11, 20, 30, 50 cents and \$1 values are comparatively plentiful. The use of postage stamps is now dispensed with, and Permit No. 111 of Washington, D. C., is impressed on penalty envelopes of several kinds. The first line of the "permit" is "C. Paid", and the amount of the postage is filled in with ink. One form before us has "220" inserted in it and on another insured and registered official label are the lines: "By directions of the Post Office Department these articles are to be handled and accorded the same treatment as Registered Mail." We thank Mr. Milton D. Smith for examples of the permits. Mr. Geo. G. Umstead says: when sending a permit: "This no doubt will cause the higher values of U. S. stamps to go up in price, as the government used a great number of these stamps in sending the money to the national banks all over the country."

Mexico—The postmaster-general of Mexico, Cosme Hinojosa, recently in Chicago says that in January, 1917, a new and permanent set will be issued, thereby closing for some years the somewhat tempestuous philatelic history of Mexico. An emission of the kind will do much to clear the atmosphere, which is becoming somewhat clouded with doubt. Senor Hinojosa evidently feels that he is within his rights in handling the Mexican issues in quantity, notwithstanding that his activity in this regard may be looked askant by collectors, but it was strongly represented to him that such a course persisted in will have a sinister effect on the reputation of the stamps. While Senor Hinojosa was not concerned in the issue of the Oaxaca provisionals, he gives them a clean bill of health.

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Visitors—When Senor Hinojosa was in Chicago, the guest of Mr. A. Rotenberg, Mr. A. O. Tittman and Mr. S. B. Hopkins were there. These two gentlemen are greatly interested in the recent Mexican issues and are convinced that while some of the irregularities in connection with scattered stamps make them objects of suspicion, yet that the virtues of the great majority thereby are in no way impaired. The hope is expressed that no handicap will be placed on the popularity of the stamps by official methods that may be criticised and there is strong likelihood that a check has been imposed upon any further attempts that will be likely to bring discredit upon the issues.

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Adjusted—Several weeks ago, we mentioned briefly, on the authority of a Mexican postmaster, that the coach type stamps of Sonora in all values was prepared for use in Lower California. This statement was tantamount to saying that the Dutch had taken Holland, as the existence of the stamps in question was generally known. Instead, the more or less momentous information should have been given to the effect that the very small surcharge, "Gobierno Constitucionalista", in letters about a millimeter high, that we chronicled a good while ago through the courtesy of Mr. Hugh C. Barr, on the 5 centavos, federal type, for use in Lower California, exists practically on the entire federal set, through the 50 centavos. At any rate, the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 15, 20, and 50 centavos surcharged with the overprint in black or purple or both colors, have been seen as having come from an authentic source. It may be remembered that Mr. Barr first noticed the existence of this surcharge on the 5 centavos, federal type, when a number of the stamps came to him in the regular course of business, in payment for a subscription to his publication.

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There—We have been receiving philatelic news from several correspondents in West Indian waters with particular reference to the stamps of Haiti. Writing from the seat of trouble, as it were, Robert A. Wilson, 17th Co., 2nd Regt., U. S. M. C., says: "Although the emission of 1914 stamps of Haiti are seen in the United States and were authorized by the congress of Haiti, yet they were never actually in use. According to postal officials, the full shipment of the stamps was never delivered. When the stamps were ordered by the president, they were shipped by a Royal Dutch West India mail steamer which docked at Port-au-Prince just at the time the president was killed. The stamps were unloaded and stored in the custom-house when the rebels captured it. Some high officials promptly con-

fiscated the stamps and large quantities were offered at cut prices. However, only a part were sold, and upon the entrance of the U. S. landing forces in Port-au-Prince, the stamps were kept in official hands. Nevertheless, these stamps were never good for postage, even though a comparatively few of them may have passed through the mails. In June, 1916, Congress passed a bill to relieve the scarcity of stamps. One member of the Banque National d'Haiti and three other officers of finance were appointed a board to surcharge all the stamps except a 15c, in order that they might become available for postage. I have the 1, 3, 5, and 10c, but know nothing about the 15c. The issue of 1898 was done much the same way. These details have been vouched for by different officers, and may interest you." Mr. Wilson adds that the postmark used in Santo Domingo by the U. S. S. Dolphin is similar to the postmark used previously in Haiti.

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Muddled—Stamp conditions in Haiti are very much involved at present, and the indications are that there will be many varieties produced as a consequence of the demoralizing influences that have held sway. So soon as order prevails, we hope to give particulars of the stamps recently prepared or now in use. In Haiti, the sale of postage stamps is under the direction of the Banque National d'Haiti, as the bank vaults are to be trusted preferably to those of the post office. In fact, in some sections of the island, we are told that the post office is not the first place that one would go for a stamp; rather the bank or a tobacconist would be the more likely to be visited.

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Early—The advance sheets of the coming new edition of the standard catalogue in this country have begun to make their appearance, thereby giving promise of the publication of the catalogue itself, somewhat earlier than usual. Price changes are not so numerous as anticipated; and in the United States section there are no spectacular increases to catch the eye. The popular favorites, the 5 and 10c, 1847, have been advanced to \$2.50 and \$6.00, respectively, and that good old standby, the 6 cent Proprietary, has been boosted from \$50 to \$60. Some of the early Austrian stamps are given a deserved price promotion.

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Chile—From Sr. Braulio Bittencourt, Valparaiso, Chile, we have received the 10c blue and black with lithographed frame of the set whose lower values were received some time ago. From another source we have seen a Chilean envelope, sent from Antofagasta to

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THE DEALER AND HIS STOCK.

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(This series of articles is designed to help the prospective dealer in his attempt to gain a footing as a representative leader in the stamp trade. The several chapters will treat with the elementary principles in stamp dealing and should prove very helpful! Questions will be gladly answered.—Ed.)

CHAPTER I.—Foreword.

In taking up this subject, we will assume that the reader has had no actual experience as a stamp dealer, but that he has some knowledge of stamps as a collector, and that he has a large quantity of ambition and determination. Without these assets, he cannot hope to succeed. As practically all dealers started out as collectors, it is safe to make the first assumption. At any rate, no one can hope to build up a successful business in a line he does not understand.

The ambition and determination are equally important factors. The stamp business is vastly different in many respects from any other line of business. At first thought, the collector is apt to be impressed with the "easy money" in the stamp business. Dealers with experience will confirm me when I say that there is no more "easy money" in the stamp business than in any other line. The money is there, but it requires labor and head-work to get it. However, I believe that the same money, say \$5,000 or so, invested in the stamp business that is invested in some other small business, will bring considerably larger returns. Of course, I do not mean to imply that such an outlay of capital is necessary. In fact, it would be sheer folly to consider such an expenditure until experience was gained.

If it is the intention of the reader to start a stamp business, and to push it to the heights of success, let him keep those heights in view and plug for them. When discouragement enters the game, the only way to overcome it is to take it outside and gently but firmly exterminate it. Otherwise, it will exterminate even the best of ambitions. When you make a "bad deal" remember that you were not the only one to make such a mistake. Bear in mind that every dealer has had the same troubles. Keep your eye on that high place, and devote your energies to building up the business that will reach to that height.

Make Your Business Better.

Don't be satisfied with a few sales to a few collectors. Go after big sales from every collector. Aim to give satisfaction to every one you do business with, except yourself. Aim to make your methods the best. When you accomplish something you have worked hard for, do not be satisfied that you have succeeded in that, but aim a little higher, and accomplish something bigger. If you start out to put out the best line of approvals in the business, do it. When you have accomplished it, start out to make them better.

In the stamp business, like every other business, there are many obstacles to be overcome. The rule of life is the survival of the fittest. The stamp business is no exception. Remember that these obstacles are put there to prove whether you are fit to be a success, and to share in the spoils of success. At heart, you believe you are capable of doing anything you set out to do. If you did not believe this, you would not set out to do it. When you meet a loss, even though it wipes you out, get busy and make it up. The picking will be slow and hard, but the longer you stick to it, the easier it will become.

The same basic rules apply in the stamp business as apply in any line of business.

Honesty Must Be The Foundation.

Of course, in these days of keen competition, every one will realize that the mere honesty is not enough. Don't only be honest. Give absolute satisfaction and stand back of every deal, with a money-back guarantee. Business Integrity is equally important. Use the same strict business methods in this business that you would in any other, and demand them from those with whom you deal. Keep your eye on your "credit department" and keep your credit with the wholesaler. When you agree to pay in thirty days, live up to your agreement. Credit plays an important part in business, and must be respected in order to be retained. Keep your finger on the costs and sales end of your business, the same as you would in a hardware store, a clothing business, or any other line. Watch every expenditure, and cut out the unnecessary ones. Don't buy stock unless you can see a quick profit. Use modern methods in carrying on your stamp business. (Detailed information on the subject of systems will appear at an early date.) Use your head when you prepare an advertisement or publicity campaign. Any old thing will not bring the best results. Anything short of the best results means a waste of your money.

One great reason why the stamp business does not command more respect from the world is that the average dealer does not use progressive methods, the same as the clothier, grocer, merchant, or manufacturer. Taken as a whole, the

Stamp Dealers Are Behind the Times.

There are quite a number of enterprising dealers who are making good, however, and more are joining this number. They are getting the business, and this is only fair. If the dealer wants to sleep, no one should disturb him! More than one home-loving spider has picked out the doorway of a stamp shop to build his roost, and if the stamp dealer does not object, certainly no one else should. Remember, Rip Van Winkle was the only man who ever gained fame for sleeping.

If the average stamp dealer were asked his profit on a certain stamp, or even collection, the chances are that he could not give it accurately. Ask a merchant what he paid for any line, even a spool of thread, and he can tell you. Why not in the stamp business? It can be done.

Statistics show that there are

Many Thousands of Collectors.

These include men in all walks of life, rich and poor. The stamp business is a clean, interesting field of work. It is little known to the general public, and does not command a great deal of respect for this reason, but the money is there, just the same. If a man is known to be honest in his dealings, and is engaged in an honorable industry, he will gain the respect of his fellow man, whether he be a cobbler or a captain of industry. More than one great man in this country is fond of collecting, and the business of supplying stamps to collectors should no more be despised than the business of supplying jewels or paintings. In fact, these three are, in my mind, closely allied. In cold reality, none of them are of use to the world. A man may collect stamps, jewels or paintings, but he has the same object in view,—to secure something handsome to look upon.

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Perhaps it would be well to caution the new dealer against over-buying, since I have preached ambition and determination. Don't let these two virtues overcome you. Too much is as bad as too little. If you rush off and buy everything you see in order to have a big stock, you will find yourself a dumping ground for trash, and will be short of money when "that bargain" comes along. Take it easy, and only buy such items as you can see a use for, and buy them in small quantities. Be conservative, even though you are ambitious.

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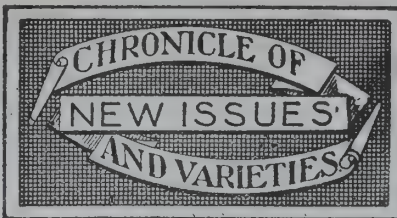
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CANADA.—In re a recent statement in the WEEKLY by Mr. Perry, Bright & Son, write:

"We have lately seen an article which appeared in your paper of April 29, on Canadian War Tax stamps by Gladstone Perry. We notice he mentioned the 5c, 20c and 50c issued on Feb. 12, 1915, for one day only as revenue stamps, but makes no mention whether these were ever authorized for postage use. We have seen undoubtedly postally used copies of these stamps with registered postmarks which have been noted in the English papers, and if not already chronicled by you, think they may interest your readers."

Last week we chronicled the 3c W. T. perforated 8x12. Mrs. Oughtred in sending us a specimen of the stamp says that only a small quantity was issued, the sheets having plate numbers 1 and 2. We are also indebted to E. H. Patterson and Gladstone Perry.

CHINA.—Maury's *Collectionneur* notes that the 1c and 4c post cards have been issued with an overprint signifying "Shang Tung" in Chinese characters.

GUATEMALA.—Edwin W. Fuss sends us a clipping from the new Postoffice Guide of Guatemala, giving the new postal rates which are three times the former rates. Local letters are sent at a cost of 12½ centavos, letters to the interior at 25 centavos and foreign letters at \$1.50, Guatemala currency. This is for 15 grams, or about one-half ounce, for local and interior mail, and 20 grams for foreign mail. Part of the increase is no doubt due to the debase-ment of the local currency. Mr. Fuss calls attention to the fact that there is no place for the 6c value in the new tariff. This is corroborated by a letter to Mr. Fuss from a correspondent, who says that the surcharges of this value are no longer being printed, and it is difficult to get them in Guatemala City.

JAMAICA.—Edmund S. Wright reports having found a ½d War stamp with the top of the "R" in "War" badly broken.

MEXICO.—Hermann Focke has shown us several philatelic novelties from "below the line". First, and most important is a new engraved 1c stamp, possibly the first of the long promised series. In the main, the design is the same as the recent lithographed series though more carefully worked out in detail. The new stamp is 20x26 mm., while the lithographed was 19x23½ mm. The usual imprint of the engraved series, "Oficina del Gobierno," is printed below each stamp. The color is mauve, in sharp distinction to the familiar purple of the lithographed stamps.

Mr. Focke also sends other varieties of recent Mexican issues, including: The 1c with surcharge 10c on a distinct blue paper, which may, or may not, be due to insufficient cleaning of the plate used for the surcharge, still the colouring of the paper is so even, that the stamp might be regarded a variety; and the 5c with the surcharge of 20c in a decided jet black, as against the original brown color of the surcharge.

Adhesive.
1c mauve.

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It may interest readers to know that these two perforations come on the same sheet, the four top rows being perforated 14x13½ and the six bottom rows are perforated 14x14½. One can therefore get on every sheet 12 vertical pairs showing the two perforations together. It would be interesting to know whether the other values of the King George New Zealand set were perforated in the same way.

SPAIN.—Ewen's *Weekly* gives the following translation from the *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung*:—A special series of stamps for the Post Office Savings Department, which has only recently been introduced into Spain, has just appeared of which we have the 5c value. It is a very ordinary looking stamp. At the top of the adhesive is the Spanish Royal crown, guarded either side by the horn of cornucopia. Underneath on a small flag is the word "ESPANA", at the side a money-box and a winged-letter. On a band which borders the stamp are the words "CAJA POSTAL DE AHORROS". The inscription repeated about 32 times in very small characters forms the background of the stamp.

Postal Savings Stamp.
5c (?)

SHORT-PAID LETTERS FOR NEW ZEALAND.

WASHINGTON, July 27, 1916.

The following notice was issued April 17, 1915, (Daily Bulletin No. 10716 of the 19th of April, 1915, and Postal Guide for May, 1915), and, in view of reports reaching the Department that many letters prepaid at the United States domestic rate continue to be received in New Zealand from this country, said notice is repeated for the special attention of postmasters with regard to letters for New Zealand, as letters for New Zealand are subject to the Postal Union rate of 5 cents for the first ounce or fraction thereof and 3 cents for each additional ounce or fraction thereof and not to the United States domestic rate:

"Notwithstanding special attention has been called repeatedly through official publications of the Department and also through the press to the rates of postage applicable to articles mailed in the United States addressed for delivery abroad, the Department continues to receive complaints on account of the receipt in foreign countries of much short-paid mail from the United States. Postmasters are directed again, therefore, to give the widest possible publicity to the rates of postage applicable to articles for foreign countries as indicated on page 116 of the Postal Guide for July, 1914, and to the regulation which requires the collection of double the amount of the deficient postage upon the delivery of short-paid articles in international mails. Whenever it is practicable to do so, postmasters shall also promptly inform the senders of short-paid articles mailed at their offices of the amount necessary fully to prepay the postage on such articles and to hold the articles until the senders supply the necessary postage stamps or specifically authorize the dispatch of the articles as short-paid.

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Hints on Stamp Collecting says: "During the Civil War, 1873-75, stamps of various types were issued by the Carlists in the districts occupied by them in the provinces of Biscay, Navarre, Catalonia and Valencia."

The names of the two last mentioned provinces appear on two types, but all stamps have the head of Don Carlos. At the height of his successes he is represented with a laurel wreath, the Napoleonic French postage stamps being apparently used as a pattern.

The first Carlist stamp, the 1 real, blue, made its debut in 1873. Of this issue there are two distinct types, the second of which has an accent over the "N" in "Espana". The ½ real stamp for Valencia has a narrow lined and wide lined background, so that the whole set of revolutionary stamps numbers eight distinct varieties, exclusive of shades. As the then occupied districts are coast provinces, many of the stamps were probably used for conveying letters by sea, and as the rebellion lasted a considerable time, several of these historic mementos are unused fairly common, although great caution must be exercised in buying used copies. There are a large amount of remainders in existence, and the first issue (the blue 1 real) was largely reprinted privately since 1881.—*Stamp Collector.*

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What d'you need? I got it. I. ROBINSON, 52 Quincy Pl. N. W., Wash., D. C. [tf]

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THE OTHER SIDE OF THE QUESTION.

By HUBERT LYMAN CLARK.

(The article written by Mr. Cullis in a recent issue of the WEEKLY is no doubt fresh in the minds of our readers. We feel constrained to publish the following rejoinder by Mr. Clark.—Ed.)

I have read and pondered on the article in MEKEEL'S for July 15 entitled "Some Experiences and a Moral," by "E. Cullis," and the more I think about it the less I like it. If it were to be read only by dealers, I should not feel called on to take exception to it, but since it will be read by thousands of collectors, some of whom may not as yet have had any experience with dealers, I beg to rise in defence of my friend, The Dealer.

I have not had as long an experience as "Mr. Cullis," for I have only been collecting about eight years, and my financial condition does not warrant my being a "liberal spender." But I have had business relations, both buying and selling, with more than fifty dealers, of whom fourteen are in foreign countries. Most of these dealers advertise in MEKEEL'S of course; that's how I got hold of them. In all these eight years I have seldom had an unpleasant experience and I have rarely had occasion to fairly doubt the honesty of the man with whom I was doing business. I know of no line of trade in which the dealer has to depend so much on the reliability of his customer as in the stamp business, and to my mind it is remarkable how few causes of complaint there are. I could recount many instances of frankness and courtesy, and of generous dealing which I have experienced. If it were permissible, I would like to publish the names of firms and individuals who seem to me models of business honesty, courtesy and good sense.

The last instance of mistreatment given by "Mr. Cullis" is such a gross example of dishonesty that in my opinion the writer should publish the name of the dealer concerned provided he is sure of the facts. I find it very difficult to believe that any dealer whom I know would do such a contemptible thing.

In closing, it may perhaps be permitted me to make one little complaint. Why don't dealers "follow up" a customer? The great majority of the fifty dealers referred to have never sent me more than one or two selections. Finding that what I wanted was a "side-line" a little out of the ordinary, they have simply dropped me. The first dealer to whom I wrote has never forgotten me. I may go several months without hearing from him but sooner or later, a lot comes to rejoice my heart. But there are hardly more than a dozen dealers who have persisted in keeping me "on the list." Presumably I am not able to spend enough to warrant the attention I covet! A prominent western dealer wrote in response to my inquiry why he no longer sent me stamps, that I was only one of ten thousand customers and shouldn't expect any special attention. Our dealings ended then and there! But it would be hard to estimate the amount of satisfying pleasure my dealer friends have given me in these eight years past.

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VIRGIN ISLANDS BOOKLET.

(The philatelic magazines of Great Britain have given our handbook on Virgin Islands very favorable notices and the clipping below is from the "Stamp Collectors Quarterly," the new magazine edited by Derek Ingram. The price of this booklet is only 10c.—Ed.)

This little book, the fourteenth of Messrs. Mekeel's series, should prove a most valuable guide to the postage stamps of the Leeward group known as the Virgin Islands. Always a favourite subject with collectors, the Virgin Islands issues yet comprise quite a large number of extremely scarce stamps, and, in a chapter on "Rare Stamps at Normal Prices," the author of this handbook seeks to impress upon his readers that all the earlier issues are rarer than the catalogue quotations suggest. In fact, they are *much* rarer than is generally supposed. The handbook is divided into twenty chapters, treating with the geographical and historical standpoints, the mysterious design itself, postal statistics, British adhesives used in the Islands, remainders, forgeries, and bogus stamps, postmarks, etc., the whole forming a very readable and instructive guide. It is, indeed, a veritable *vademecum* for the collector of Virgin Islands stamps.

W. W. PHILLIPS, LEWISTON, CAL.

As we have been unable to obtain replies to letters sent W. W. Phillips of Lewiston, Cal., we have discontinued his adlet advertising. A complaint has reached this office indicating unsatisfactory exchange relations and pending an adjustment of the matter we shall be glad to hear from any other interested parties.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

New Member: 239, Conard, H. W., 710 Colorado Bldg., Denver, Colorado.

In consideration of the fact that mail to and from European countries is very uncertain and the exportation of philatelic material from some of those countries is strictly forbidden it is considered advisable to suspend operations of the purchasing department of the society for the present; consequently all efforts to secure an agent for this department will also be suspended.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Fellow Members:

The ballots are now out and every member should have received his by now. If you have not received yours just drop me a card and a duplicate will be sent you at once. I trust that every member will cast a ballot and if unable to be present, send the proxy to some one who will be there. We have made a slight gain this year and I trust that the coming one will be a good deal more prosperous.

New Members.

No. 290, H. W. Anderson, Exeter, N. H.
No. 291, J. R. Smith, 31 Dudley St., Medford, Mass.

No. 292, J. Ray Cordell, Dallas, Texas.

Membership Summary.

Membership at last report, 97
Take out for error, 1
New Members, 3

Total August 1, 1916, 99

Fraternally,
WALTER E. GOODWIN, Sec.

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. E. C.—Almost all postmasters will supply stamps if money order is sent, together with list of stamps wanted, and self-addressed envelope for return mail. Postage and Registration for return mail should be included, otherwise it will be deducted. It is advisable to address your letters to postmasters in the large cities or the capital of the country. I should hesitate to send money to many of the South American countries or to the warring nations. British Colonies are good countries to import stamps from.

H. J. B.—The stamp you picture is a label issued by the National Return Letter Association and is without value. This association undertook to handle mail returned for non-delivery. The number 1139 is no doubt the subscriber's number. This system was not successful and did not live long.

H. C. M.—I have never had much trouble in distinguishing single and multiple chalkies. I am more apt to hold the stamp to the light than I am to use benzine and by a very careful examination, either by light or benzine, can usually make out the watermark. I know of no fixed rule for overcoming this difficulty. The color watermark detector offered by Lincoln, the London dealer, might be useful in some cases. This is a part of the science that requires practice more than anything else. I can generally tell by the general appearance of the stamp, regarding shade, etc., though of course this cannot be depended upon.

Dr. R. C. F.—Your Sweden stamp watermarked P. O. is caused by the poor placing of the sheet on the press, so that the stamp was printed on the margin of the sheet. These varieties are quite uncommon, but are known. Even though the sheet is unwatermarked otherwise, there is an inscription on the margin. This also accounts for the name of the paper-maker being watermarked on certain Canadian stamps.

R. H. P.—"Variety is the spice of life." Fortunately for philately, we do not all care for the same thing. There is no explanation for this. I hold that a collector can collect any country in the world and get enjoyment from the hobby. Personally I would not collect the stamps of Persia and I dislike Native Indian States, and I am fond of Colombian Republic and Nicaragua, while one of my very good friends has a most enjoyable time collecting and studying the Native India and Persias, and looks with pity on my Colombias. We are both right. What would philately be if we were all U. S. collectors, or all wanted to collect early Netherlands or Sydney views. Of course, the popularity of U. S. is based primarily on patriotism, while the stability of the issues and the strong prices maintained affect the standing somewhat. On the other hand, the more complicated and speculative states are not as popular because of those facts. That is the only explanation I have to offer. If you are interested in Germany, you will collect German stamps, in all probability. If you are interested in Argentine or Greece, you will collect the stamps of those nations. All of which gives Mr. Dealer a chance to clean out his stock and make his profit.

(2) The letter G.R.I. signify Georgius Rex Imperator, meaning Imperial King George. The letters G. C. M. signify Gobierno Constitucionalista Mexico, or Constitutional Government of Mexico.

(3) Telegraph stamps are priced high principally for the reason that the Scott Company chooses to price them that way, and as the book is their work, they have the right to price them as they wish. However, many telegraph stamps are very rare, though in little demand. In fact, many are much rarer than

price would indicate, as you will find out if you ever try to complete them. However, like a four footed duck, they may be rare, but who will pay the price unless he wants them? If you find the right collector, he will buy them at a good figure, for anything can be sold to someone at a good price. Probably you haven't found the right one, for sometimes he is as rare as the stamps.

(4) U. S. stamp designs are really not changed as often as those in some other countries, considering the vast number used. As the plates wear out, it becomes necessary to make new ones, and usually each P. M. G. has his own ideas regarding the beauty of a stamp, and accordingly is apt to order a change when the occasion offers. Aren't you glad they do?

(5) Parcel Post stamps were discontinued because their use was unnecessary and proved an inconvenience to the public. Their purpose was to act as a check on the business done by the parcel post, and as sufficient data was collected in the period they were in use, it was unnecessary to use them further. Registration stamps were discontinued because they were also unnecessary and somewhat inconvenient. The Merry Widow Special Delivery stamp was discontinued because the size and color caused it to be confused with the ordinary 1c stamp, resulting in a delay of special delivery mail. The 13c value was discontinued shortly after the registration rate was increased from eight cents to ten cents. This value was intended for use on foreign registered mail, requiring thirteen cents postage, and when the increased rate made fifteen cents postage necessary, there was very little use for a thirteen cent stamp.

(6) I do not know the reason for the very unattractive appearance of the current revenue stamps, unless it is to save a little of the cost of the finer appearing specimens. Of course, the large numerals show up to good advantage, but beyond this I cannot account for the crude appearance of these stamps.

(7) There is no organized method of starting collectors for the reason that the stamp trade is not organized, or rather is very recently organized. The A. S. D. A. may at some future date take up the work of starting collectors. Until very recently every dealer was out for himself and could afford to spend very little money in "missionary" work. However, now that the dealers' association is organized, a campaign of this nature would not come amiss. I would suggest that you take the matter up with Mr. Clarence V. Webb, Perry, Ohio, who is Secretary of the A. S. D. A.

K. A. K.—Your stamp inscribed "comunicaciones" is from Spain. The "young girl" is King Alfonso, in his younger days.

BACK IN THE HARNESS.

After a very busy season, both in and out of town, in which little time could be devoted to stamps and philately, the writer is again able to take up the work of editing this page, and will be glad to answer any questions on stamps that may be troubling any of the readers. During the past few months, owing to unsettled conditions and several removals, I was quite unable to handle correspondence, and no doubt some escaped my attention entirely, for which I am duly sorry. However, I am now in position to devote a limited amount of time to work of this nature, and will be pleased to hear from any reader, whether it be a question, suggestion, complaint, or just a letter. Whenever possible, I prefer to answer questions through the columns of this paper, but will answer privately when postage accompanies the letter. Only, please write often and do not send twenty-five or thirty questions at once.

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For every suggestion made which can be accepted, I shall be pleased to send a few stamps worth having to the collector offering the suggestion. I'll promise to use every suggestion that I think will prove of interest to the readers of this paper,—so get busy and sell your ideas.

PRECANCEL NOTES.

W. C. MALONE.

Among the new precancels I have seen lately are most all values below 30 cents from the grape juice city, Westfield, N. Y. They are printed in small capitals between lines and are rather poor prints on most of the stamps I have seen, they being blurred.

A number of collectors I know are specializing, on a small scale, in the first or small type issue of Newark, N. J. There are a number of varieties of this issue, there being three distinct types, the difference being in the space between the letters N. J. In Type I the letters are rather close together (NJ), in Type II they are a little further apart (N J), and in Type III they are still further apart (N J). There are inverts of most of these and a few doubles, and some of them in both perforations, 12 m.m. and 10 m.m., so altogether the possible varieties in this issue would make a small collection in itself but some of them are quite scarce if not really rare.

Recently I have seen a few values from Henderson, Ky., printed in a small but clear type between lines. These were evidently used during the past Christmas season. Lexington, Ky., is now using the large block type, which is much easier to distinguish than the former roller type reading up and down.

West Grove, Pa., seems to use several different sizes of type in printing precancels. I have noticed three different sizes on the regular issues and I have a strip of three 5 cent parcel post from there, each being printed in a different type. They are evidently printed from typeset forms.

Most precancel collectors think that inverts are caused by the printer making a mistake and feeding the sheet of stamps in the press upside down but such is not often the case. As most collectors know, the stamps are originally printed in large sheets of 400 and then cut into four sheets of 100 each, leaving two wide margins perforated and two narrow and straight edged. When the printer sets the electrotpe plate or typeset form for printing the precancels, say he first prints a sheet with straight edges at the left hand side and bottom, the precancels being printed normal, and the next lot of sheets printed have straight

edges at the top and the right hand side, unless he has instructions to print them only normal, he will save the time of changing his form and turn the sheets over and feed them into the press upside down so as to make the type on the plate or form fit the stamps squarely.

I have two different types from Three Rivers, Mich., both new. The first is printed in large capitals between lines reading up and down and the other in small capitals between horizontal lines. I also have some from Three Rivers precanceled with the office stamp.

Menominee, Mich., is now using a precancel with the full name spelled out. It is a small print between lines. Formerly that office precanceled with a large letter M only.

Sag Harbor, N. Y., is now using precancels. I have several of the higher values from there including the 9c, 11c and 12c, in the large block type.

Yonkers, N. Y., still precancels with lines, four to the stamp. I obtained several values from there last Christmas and have seen some more lately. I have them with the lines running both horizontally and vertically.

A. P. S. PROXIES.

Several subscribers have already sent the Managing Editor their A. P. S. proxies and we wish to say that we shall be very glad to serve any members who may wish to use us in this manner. It will not be necessary for the proxy sender to affix the 10c revenue stamp that is called for, as the society will itself furnish the stamps needed from its general fund. Any instructions will be carefully complied with.

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Eight Cents On Fifty Centavos.

This is a new setting of the "8cts." surcharge. It was issued April 23rd, 1906, and there were 20,000 stamps of this printing. Concerning this stamp Dr. Perry says:

"Another printing of the 8 cent has also been issued, and this differs from all others in the following essential points. The figure "8" is long and narrow in proportion to its length, in fact is larger than in any previous printing. The "cts" is closer to the figure "8" and the letters are smaller than those in the first and second printing, and slightly larger than in the third printing."

There is no period after "cts". The stamps are on the third Panama series.

This surcharge is easily distinguished from the former stamps of this value. The "8" differs materially in shape and size from the first two "8 cts" and the third Panama type is used instead of the fourth as in those two issues. It resembles more the third "8cts." i. e., that of the fourth series but can be readily differentiated from that stamp, which is upon the third Panama type, by the absence of the period.

Being upon the third type of Panama surcharge we find the characteristic errors of that type here. It is not necessary to enumerate them at this place. They will be given in the reference list.

The "CANAL ZONE" surcharge which as usual was printed upon one hundred stamps at once, presents the following errors: "CANAL" in wrong font on No. 26; "Z" of "ZONE" in wrong font on No. 32; "E" of "ZONE" broken on No. 33; "L" of "CANAL" wrong font on No. 42; "ZONE" in wrong font on No. 48; and "N" of "CANAL" in wrong font No. 65.

There is also one error in the "8 cts" surcharge. One stamp of this issue has been found having this surcharge double. This stamp was upon a cover and it is not known how many of this variety were issued, but it is probable that all were used and that very few will be recovered.

The reference list is:

8c on 50c bistre brown ("PANAMA" reading up).

a—"PANAMA" reading up and down (1, 51).

b—"PANAMA" 15 mm. long.

c—"PANAMA" 1st and 3rd "A" at right large (3, 4, 44, 53, 54, 94).

d—"PANAMA" 1st and 3rd "A" both sides large (5, 55).

e—"All 'A's' at left large (6, 7, 56, 57).

f—"3rd 'A' at left large (21, 71).

g—"2nd 'A' at right large (35, 85).

h—"1st 'A' at left large, 1st and 2nd 'A's' at right inverted "V" and "MA" raised (42, 92).

i—"1st 'A' at left inverted "V" (11, 18, 61, 68).

j—"2nd 'A' at right inverted "V" (3, 34, 44, 53, 84, 94).

k—"3rd 'A' at left inverted "V" (14, 25, 64, 73).

l—"All 'A's' at right inverted "V" (27, 77).

m—"N" at right inverted (12, 40, 62, 90).

n—"3rd 'A' at left inverted "V" and "MA" raised at right (19, 69).

o—"3rd 'A' at right accented (34, 38, 84, 88).

p—"N" at right raised (23, 73).

q—"P" at right wrong font (49, 99).

r—"P NAMA" at right (83) (on some sheets).

s—"P NAMA" and 3rd "A" accented at right (84) (on some sheets).

t—"8cts" double (one known).

u—"CANAL" in wrong font (26).

v—"Z" in wrong font (32).

w—"E" broken (33).

x—"L" in wrong font (42).

y—"ZONE" in wrong font (48).

z—"N" in wrong font (65).

aa—No bar on stamp.

CHAPTER IX.—Sixth Series.

This series consists of only one stamp, eight cents on fifty centavos, which differs very materially from all other issues of this value. It was issued in September, 1906, and 20,000 were printed.

The Panama surcharge is of the fourth type of that surcharge on the fifty centavos stamp of Colombia and is in carmine. It differs from the fourth Panama of the first eight cents of the third series in having the word spelled "PAMANA" on the 54th and 59th stamps and a double lined "N" on the 53rd and 58th stamps similar to that found upon the later printings of the five cents stamps. The surcharge was printed upon a vertical half sheet at a time.

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lines of the "8" are thinner in all parts and the letters of "cts." possess the same characteristics as the figure. In this stamp a period follows the letters and this is the only eight cents value on fourth Panama having the period. A new variety of spacing appears upon the fifth and tenth vertical rows of each sheet, the distance between the "8" and "c" in these two rows being 3 mm. instead of 2 mm., thus giving twenty stamps of this variety to the sheet.

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100 "	.60	150 "	3.75	5 St. Vincent	.14
20 Peru	.10	200 "	7.50	5 Zambesi	.10
10 "	.14	7 Barbados	.12	5 Timor	.10
25 Siam	.74	15 Iceland	.50	5 Ivory Coast	.10
13 Nyassa	.39	40 Uruguay	1.00	4 Cokin China	.10
4 Malta	.15	15 Finland	.12	5 New Zealand	.15
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The varieties of the "CANAL ZONE" surcharge are the same as in the preceding stamp.

The list of this stamp is:

- 8c on 50c bistre brown.
- a—"PAMANA" (54, 59).
- b—Double lined "N" in "PANAMA" (53, 58).
- c—"8cts." omitted.
- d—"8cts." omitted and "PAMANA" (1 stamp).
- e—"8cts." omitted and double lined "N" (1 stamp).
- f—"8cts." omitted and "CANAL" antique type (1 stamp).
- g—"8cts." omitted and "ZONE" antique type (1 stamp).
- h—"CANAL" antique type.
- i—"Z" antique type (32).
- j—"E" broken (33).
- k—"L" antique type (42).
- l—"ZONE" antique type (48).
- m—"N" of "CANAL" antique type (65).
- n—"8" and "cts" 3 mm. apart instead of 2 mm.

All of the stamps of the third, fourth, fifth and sixth series which are upon the third and fourth Panama types are to be found with the Panama surcharge shifted horizontally, in some instances to the right and in others to the left, so that on some stamps the word "PANAMA" appears but once, on others twice on the same side of the stamp, and on still others twice on one side and once on the other side. It can readily be seen that an attempt to classify these varieties would be a task of Herculean proportions and of no great value.

CHAPTER X.—Seventh Series.

The stamps used for this series were those of a new issue of Panama. They were printed in New York by the Hamilton Bank Note Co. on soft thick paper. The five values used by the Canal Zone government have a central portrait in black surrounded by a colored frame. The value is expressed in "centesimos de balboa" at the bottom of the stamp. The words "REPUBLICA DE PANAMA CORREOS" are printed at the top of all except the eight centesimos de balboa, on which the first three words occur in a curve extending around the upper half of the stamp and the word "CORREOS" in small letters just beneath the center of this curve.



The 1c, 5c, 8c and 10c values the Surcharge Reading Down.

Vasco Nunez de Balboa's portrait appears upon the one centesimo de balboa, that of Hernandez de Cordoba upon the two centesimos de balboa, of Justo Arosemena upon the five centesimos de balboa, of Manuel J. Hurtado upon the eight centesimos de balboa, and of Jose de Obaldia upon the ten centesimos de balboa. The colors of the frames are green, vermilion, ultramarine, red-violet and purple, respectively.

The first value issued was the two centesimos de balboa in October, 1906, when 20,000 stamps were sent out. The Canal Zone surcharge on this lot reads upward with "CANAL" at the left and "ZONE" at the right of the central portrait in black letters of antique type of a larger size than appears upon any of the former issues. This surcharge upon the succeeding printings of this value and upon all the other values is in the same type and occupies the same position on the stamps except that instead of reading upward it reads downward and the word "CANAL" is at the right and "ZONE" at the left.

The second lot of this value issued was printed in November, 1906. It was the intention of the Director of Posts for the Zone that the surcharge should



The 2c, Surcharge Reading Up and Down.

read upward on these, but by some accident they were printed with it reading downward. When this came to his notice he was very much put out, and ordered that, in future, all surcharges of all values should be printed reading downward, but, in order that there should be a large enough supply of the first variety to go around, and so that no one could accuse him of intentionally producing a limited issue of this form of the surcharge, he ordered 30,000 more to be printed with the words reading upward. There were, therefore, 50,000 of this variety issued in the two lots. There is a difference of 1/2 mm. in the spacing between the words "CANAL" and "ZONE", between the early and late printings of these stamps, but this seems to be unimportant.

The other values appeared in December, 1906, with the exception of the one centesimo de balboa, which was issued in January, 1907.

A few errors have been recorded as occurring in connection with this issue. On number 8 of the sheet of the first printing of the two centesimos de balboa the "N" of "ZONE" has broken serifs, and on a few sheets of the second printing of the same value the same error occurs on the 93rd stamp, which in the reversed position of the surcharge is complementary to the 8th stamp of the first printing. The error was soon discovered and corrected.

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sheet. Three sheets were sold at the
Cristobal office showing this variety,
and one of the stamps was used before
the variety was discovered. Another
sheet containing this variety was sold
at Gatun, and ten of these, or half of
the number in the sheet were used for
postage.

The two centesimos de balboa exists in
pairs, one of which has no surcharge,
but very few of them are known.

There is a wider spacing than normal
of the "CA" of "CANAL" on the fiftieth
stamp of the sheet of the eight centesi-
mos de balboa.

In 1907 the two and five centesimos
de balboa appeared upon a thinner
hard paper, and the shade of color was
changed, probably unintentionally, to
carmine lake on the former, while the
latter is known in four distinct shades
of blue. In 1908 the one centesimo de
balboa also was issued upon this thin-
ner paper, and it is found in two
shades of green, one of which is very
nearly the same as that of the same



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value on soft paper, and the other a
dull shade.

In March, 1908, a sheet of this value
with the head in the center inverted
was sold at the Cristobal Office to a
clerk in the employ of the Panama
Railroad Company, in a lot of stamps
purchased for the use of the Company.
Before the error was discovered all
but nineteen of these stamps had been
used in mailing letters and only a very
few of these have been recovered. The
nineteen unused ones passed into the
possession of a collector and have
been preserved. This value is also
known imperforate horizontally, one-
quarter of a sheet being known in this
condition, though it would seem that
there must have been at least a half
sheet issued.

A sheet of the five centesimos de
balboa with double surcharge was
sent to the Tabernilla Post Office in a
lot of stamps sent there in filling a
requisition dated February 20, 1909.
This sheet passed into the hands of a
collector and was finally sent to the
United States. This value has the
second "A" of "CANAL" missing on the
fourth stamp of the sheet in a few
instances, and the "L" is broken so
that it resembles an "I" on one stamp
of a few sheets, believed to be number
71. It is also known with "L" of "CAN-
NAL" missing and with "A" missing and
"L" so broken that only the down-stroke
appears. Two sheets of the two centesi-
mos de balboa were discovered during
the summer of 1909 with a double sur-
charge. One of these sheets has the
second surcharge in a diagonal position
so that on part of the stamps a portion
of it falls in the space between the
stamps. In a few instances the second
"A" of "CANAL" is so badly broken that
only a trace of it shows. Twenty hori-
zontal pairs of this value are known
imperforate between the stamps.

On the one centesimo de balboa the
"Z" of "ZONE" is omitted on the 35th
stamp of the sheet of a late printing,
and the "C" and "L" of "CANAL" are
omitted on one stamp of the sheet in
what is probably the last printing of
this value, and which is believed to have
numbered one hundred sheets. A double
surcharge, one of which is very faint, is
also known on this value, and four
copies of a double surcharge both per-
fectly plain are also known, having
emanated from the Gatun office.

The "CA" of "CANAL" widely spaced is
known on all of these values on the hard
paper.

Reference list:

Permanent types of Panama; soft thick
paper.

1c green and black.
a—Horizontal pair imperf. between.
b—Imperf. marginal strip at top.
c—Bar after "ZONE."
d—"CANAL ZONE" double.
e—"CANAL ZONE" double, 1 inverted.
2c vermilion and black. Surcharge reading
upward.
a—"N" of "ZONE" broken.
2c vermilion and black. Surcharge reading
downward.
a—"N" of "ZONE" broken.
b—Brown red and black.
c—Pair, one without surcharge.
5c ultramarine and black.
8c red-violet and black.
a—"CA" widely spaced.
b—Horizontal pair imperf. between and
at margin.

10c purple and black.
a—Imperf. marginal strip at bottom.
Thinner hard paper.
1c green and black.
a—dull green and black.
b—center inverted.
c—"CA" widely spaced.
d—"Z" of "ZONE" omitted (35).
e—"C" and "L" of "CANAL" omitted.
f—vertical pair imperf. between.
g—"CANAL ZONE" double.
2c carmine lake and black.
a—"CA" widely spaced.
b—"CANAL ZONE" double.
c—"CAN L" for "CANAL".
d—horizontal pair imperf. between.
5c blue and black.
a—dull blue and black.
b—ultramarine and black.
b (a)—"CANAL" for "CANAL".
c—pale ultramarine and black.
d—"CA" widely spaced.
e—"CANAL ZONE" double.
f—"CAN L" for "CANAL".
g—"CANAL" for "CANAL".
h—"CAN I" for "CANAL".
i—"CANAL" for "CANAL".

(To be continued.)

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Lovers of Chilean stamps may be in-
terested in the description of a curiosity
in the way of obliterations, which G. A.
Higlett has kindly shown us. A post-
card and an 8c adhesive of the portrait
issue bear, in the form of a five-line
cancellation across the two stamps, an
exhortation of which the translation is:
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were primarily issued for use in coils,
and this has been confirmed by a letter
just received from the Post Office De-
partment of Canada. Under date of
August 9, the Superintendent of the
postage stamp branch writes us as fol-
lows:—

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liveries of this stamp being required by
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Bill.—As stamp collectors know, the Emergency Revenue Law of October 22, 1914, was extended one year by joint resolution of Congress, approved Dec. 17, 1915, or to December 31, 1916. Recently, a new enactment was formulated by the House and the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance. When the new revenue bill was first projected, it was predicted that the bill would be made law with great expedition, but the weeks have gone by and the work of revision has not been completed. A copy of the Senate bill has been received and sections of it have their appeal to stamp collectors. For instance, Section 305 repeals the Act of October 22, 1914, and the joint resolution approved December 17, 1915, is "hereby repealed except sections three and four of such Act as so extended, which sections shall remain in force till January first, nineteen hundred and seventeen." This declaration in effect is the abolition of the stamp taxes with the exception of the wines and cordials set which is exempted from this ruling by special provision. Under the proposal of the new bill, an important change is made in the method of taxation of

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wines and cordials and it is one that commends itself to the person who may have wondered at the blundersome manner of taxing these liquors under the first law. Wines and cordials are to be taxed at the source and not, as it is now, when they are placed in the hands of the consumer. There has been a change in the tax rate, as will be seen from the following citations: "On each bottle or other container of champagne or sparkling wine, 3 cents on each half-pint or fraction thereof. On each bottle or other container of artificially carbonated wine, 1 cent on each half-pint or fraction thereof. On each bottle or other container of liquors, cordials, compounds, or preparations containing distilled spirits of wine, 1½ cents on each one-half pint or fraction thereof." Any further stamps that are advisable under the new order are authorized, under the customary sanction of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and the Secretary of the Treasury.

Consequence.—After our analysis of the bill in its stamp phases, it is necessary to consider the recommendations of the Finance Committee which instead of abolishing the stamp taxes, adds to them, so far as the documentary stamps are concerned. While at this time there has been no definite action taken in this regard, we copy the following schedule of stamp taxes as having been added to the bill:

"Bonds, debentures, and certificates of indebtedness, a tax of 5 cents on each \$100 of face value; express and freight receipts, 1 cent each; telegraph and telephone messages, 1 cent for each message for which a charge of 15 cents or more is made; custom house entries not exceeding \$100 in value, 25 cents each; succeeding \$100 and not exceeding \$500, 50 cents each; exceeding \$500, \$1; insurance policies, 1 cent on each dollar or fraction of amount of premium charged; foreign steamship tickets, if costing not to exceed \$30, \$1; not exceeding \$60, \$3; more than \$60, \$5; all tickets costing ten dollars or less to be exempt from taxation, and Pullman car tickets, 2 cents each, an increase from 1 cent in existing law."

Printed.—In a recent issue, we expressed mild wonder that we had never found a soldier's letter of the civil war period with "soldier's letter" printed on it for the convenience of all concerned. At the time, a letter with rubber stamp inscription of the kind was under notice. Through the courtesy of Mrs. W. E. Underwood, we have seen a letter postmarked Washington that bears the imprint in a panel scroll, "U. S. Christian Commission," and just underneath the device in plain type is: "Soldier's Letter." The U. S. Christian Commission, it

may be added, was an organization founded soon after the outbreak of the war, to minister to the spiritual and material needs of the boys at the front; and in good works and influence, it was a close competitor of the U. S. Sanitary Commission.

Worth.—If it is something to have survived the squalls of the oft-invoked "sea of philatelic journalism" for seven years or so, the record of the *Collectors' Journal* is entitled to a word of commendation. If mere existence for so long a period of time—in stamp journalism—bids one pause to bestow pats of approbation, the *Collectors' Journal* is entitled to more sounding praise, as not merely has the publication lived, but it has enriched the store of philatelic knowledge through its reading columns as a consequence. We hope that the editor, H. L. Lindquist, will continue to cultivate his field to good advantage. This reminds us that the lot of the philatelic publisher is being made harder than ever. You know the increased cost of paper is adding another furrow to the brow of care of the editor; and he adds the new name of a subscriber to his list with many misgivings in view of the rumors of greater scarcity of paper than ever.

Reported.—We are indebted to Mr. Ralph L. King, Atchison, Kansas, for the information that Mr. S. H. Barnes has come into the possession of a strip of seven of the one dollar parcel post stamps. Mr. King adds: "Somewhere a post office clerk is short \$6.93, as without doubt, he used them for 'one centers'. There is no possible way that seven dollars' worth of parcel post stamps could be used on one package, unless it were a piece of letter mail weighing 22 pounds. An assistant postmaster in the Atchison, Kansas, post office once used a two dollar stamp instead of a two cent one; and the department refused to allow his claim for \$1.98." Ever since we received years ago, two of the four cent Columbian stamps on an ordinary letter, we have taken some stock in similar instances that are brought to notice. Speaking of the limit of weight of first class matter, the Official Guide, July, 1916, says that it is the same as for fourth-class matter; and the limit of weight for fourth-class matter is 50 pounds within the first and second zones, and 20 pounds for all other zones.

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ranks in merit with the productions previously of the London society. There are ten pages of autotype illustrations "of unsevered and reconstructed sheets of the stamps and reprints, also enlargements of the main types and the principal forgeries," which in reality make a graphic history of the stamps. The contents exhaust the possibilities of study of these fascinating but "difficult" stamps, and the reference list of "the issued stamps" and "stamps prepared for use but not issued" must stand for finality, one may well say. The "preliminary chapter" is of engrossing interest, as in it the history of the stamps is summarized from their inception down through all the various printings. This noteworthy contribution to philatelic literature is a typographical delight and we cannot help but voice the regret that it will not have a somewhat general or extended circulation. We may add that the illustrations are completely satisfactory in their treatment of detail.

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 *1893, 1/2p on 2d, No. 14350
 *1893, 2 1/2p on 1sh, No. 14575
 *1895, 6p, No. 16440
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 *U. S. ENVELOPES '53-'13, fully illustrated.
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THE STAMP DEALER AND HIS STOCK.

By BILL BLOSS.

(The younger dealers who are now using our columns should read carefully every word of this series of articles. It will do no harm for the dealer to read it who is no longer young in the business. Mr. Bloss will cover every phase of stamp dealing and his aim in writing is to help you make the stamp business a profitable one. The WEEKLY is published in the interests of both dealer and collector, and we realize that what concerns the one concerns the other.—Ed.)

CHAPTER II.—Getting Business.

In every industry that depends upon selling goods, the selling end is the most important, and is the division that receives the most attention from the executive in charge. No matter how profitably the merchant buys his stock, or prepares it for sale, if his methods of drawing sales are at fault, his business will suffer. Since it is the sales department that brings in the money, it is highly important that that branch of the business be the most perfect in the whole organization.

The work of the Sales Department may be divided into two classes:

Getting the Business.

Service, or Keeping the Business.

Publicity is the recognized business builder in all lines. There are many ways of gaining publicity, but all tend to influence sales. A concern may have a good or bad reputation, according to its merits, and since this reputation is publicity in a certain sense, it is necessary that the good name of the house be maintained. In these days of competition, every concern must

Give Absolute Satisfaction

and service or fall by the way-side. The concern that can deliver the goods the way the people want them and is not afraid to back their product to the limit will gain a reputation that is the best possible advertising.

I have paid considerable attention to the advertising feature of modern business, and believe I can offer a few hints to the new dealer, (possibly one or two to some of the old fellows, as not a few seem to know little of this most important end of their business). Let us imagine that we are in charge of a stamp business, and are "after the customers." We have an advantage over the real dealer, inasmuch as we can do anything we please. We are unlimited in our stock—of imagination.

Advertising begins farther back than the columns of the paper, or the circular letter. It begins when the first stock is purchased.

Let Us Cite Two Examples:

Anderson has ideas on advertising and decides to feature a certain line of stamps, say the stamps of America. Accordingly, he designs two series of books. One series is by countries, the other is sold at large discounts to work off the "culls" and stamps out of his line, or surplus stock. He wishes to feature the first as "Anderson's American Approvals," accordingly he buys his stock with the intention of making the finest possible series of American approvals. The picked copies he lays aside for his first class series, and the others he discards for sale through the cheaper books. Whenever he buys a lot, he considers the saleability through his books, and the advertising possibilities of the lot. He intends to make a name for his series, and to help his advertising, he designs a unique campaign featuring "Anderson's American Approvals."

This method will help him, inasmuch as it attracts attention, and keeps his name before the public.

Jones also intends to put out a series of approvals. He has little advertising ability, and cannot see the advantage of buying stock to feature any one line. Accordingly, he prepares a very ordinary set of books, including good, bad,

and passable stamps in his books. He uses ordinary stock approval books, rubber stamps his name on the cover, and on his stationery, and does not adopt a trade name. He advertises as follows:

50% DISCOUNT APPROVALS.

from a large collection. 50 stamps free to every applicant who encloses 2c for postage.

H. E. Jones, Noplace, Iowa.

He offers not a thing to attract the collector's attention. His display, instead of featuring a name that the collectors can place his books by, announces that he has to offer just the same thing that some several hundred others are selling. His books themselves do not create any additional interest to the collector. His stock may be fine, but it is so carelessly prepared that the buyer is dissatisfied, and as a result, will certainly neglect to recommend H. E. Jones to his collecting friends. This, while it may not hurt Jones' reputation, will do nothing to increase his business.

A grocer may start business in a small town. His shop may be commonplace and his apples wormy, yet he will do business until competition comes along. Then he will either wake up, or close up. Competition is lively in the stamp business, and the successful dealer

Must Keep Abreast of the Times

or close up his shop. Business will not come to any dealer without attraction. Certain Eastern dealers do not advertise. Very well. But don't they advertise? True, you never see their name in print, but ask a New York collector where he can get such and such a stamp in fine condition. You have tried every dealer without success. He will tell you to go to the — Company, that their stock is very large and their service unexcelled. They have been doing business for forty years and carry a very large and fine lot of stamps. They never advertise, because they have the best possible advertising, a name for efficiency in supplying wants and service in handling orders. They may not know it, but every satisfied customer is an indirect advertisement. Therefore, they advertise.

Every dealer must attract attention in some way to himself, and put individuality into his business. Colman, of Washington, has won fame because he is known as the "Headquarters for U. S. & Colonies," "P. M." was well-known for his "Large Selections" Stanley Gibbons have gained note as "The People with the Goods," etc. Suppose that all of these dealers advertised "50% approvals." Would they draw trade from one another? Not in ten thousand years, unless each had something better than his rival. No buyer is going to patronize a dealer unless he believes he will do better there than elsewhere. If you want success in advertising,

Put Yourself Back of Your Product,

feature some line of your business and begin to advertise from the beginning. Of course, a good salesman can sell anything, but it is far easier to sell something good. Also, the people come back for more, and it is continued buying that spells profit, seldom the first or second order. Before you start to sell, prepare your goods in some attractive manner that can be featured.

It is not necessary to have a large stock, nor even a fine stock. Personal-

BRAZIL

1906	10000r orange & green, No. 513	.13
1906	100r carmine,	" 172 .20
1906	200r blue	" 173 .15
1899	1000 on 700r chocolate,	" 156 .50
1910	10000r brown,	" 190 1.45
1900	100r red, unused	" 162 .20
1900	200r gr. & yel., unused,	" 163 .30
1900	500r blue, unused,	" 164 .30
1900	700r green,	" 165 .50

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No. 22	6p olive75
Nos. 26, 27, 28	30
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No. 30	6p lilac and violet50
No. 31	1sh green and black40
No. 36	5p lilac and green20
No. 37	7ap lilac and carmine	..... .25
No. 38	10p lilac and yellow	..... .30
No. 43	2ap violet on blue	..... .20
No. 44	3p violet and orange30
Nos. 50, 51	12
No. 52	2p20
No. 53	2ap12
No. 54	3p20
No. 56	1sh 1.00

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2c02	.15 1.00
3c03	.23 1.50
15c15	1.15 7.50
20c20	1.50
G. P. de M. on Denver			
3c02	.10 .45
5c02	.12 .75
10c03	.23 1.50
15c05	.35 2.25
50c15	1.15
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ly, I have a very small stock, yet I am selling with satisfactory results to patrons of the big dealers. Every dealer can offer something attractive to the public. It may be "1c approvals" of cheap stamps, or "Simplified Selections" for the beginner, or "Big Books" for the busy buyer, or "Square-deal Packets," according to the circumstances of the dealer.

It would be useless to outline unique methods in these columns, as a certain amount of originality must enter into every sales plan. Later, some of the schemes that have been successful and unsuccessful in advertising stamp business will be discussed, and we will continue the adventures of Anderson and Jones in the stamp business, and will show how they wrote good and bad copy. Let it be understood that the two examples named are truly fictitious and do not apply to any dealer, but the names are used merely to strengthen the copy.

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1902, 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 25c, set	\$.65
30c	.65
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\$1.00	1.75
\$2.00	2.00
\$5.00	4.50
1903-04, 1, 3, 4, 8c, set	.70
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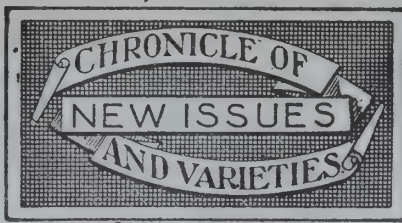
WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Postmaster-General Burleson announced to-day his purpose to make 2c carry a letter from anywhere in the United States to anywhere in the western hemisphere. Other countries affected being willing, it is proposed that the rate from Philadelphia to Patagonia be no more than from Philadelphia to Baltimore.

This decision, the Postmaster-General said, has been reached tentatively, regardless of the fact that few South American countries are willing at this time to cut their postal rate to this country. In most cases the rate is 5 cents for first class mail, and it is the same from this country to South American countries.

In October, 1914, the suggestion was made by this country that the domestic letter rate be made the foreign rate between countries of North and South America, but few of the Latin-American countries were prepared to sacrifice the revenue involved. All had been hit hard by the European war and needed the postal revenues. Recent inquiries have shown the conditions have not yet changed.

Burleson said to-day it is probable the cut would be made sometime in September by the United States, and the other countries would be permitted to follow the example whenever they desire. He said:

"It will mean a big advantage to business, and will help greatly in bringing the countries of North and South America closer together."



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—E. A. Steiner informs us that he has in his possession a specimen of the 4c Columbian where the upper left figure 4 shows traces of a double transfer. We do not know whether this has been chronicled previously or not.

BARBADOS.—The remainders of the 1912 King George set have overprinted "Revenue" for use as fiscal stamps pending the arrival from England of a new series of fiscal stamps. As there were two fonts of type and at least seven colors of ink used in making these provisional overprints, specialists in Colonial revenues will be interested. Some of the 2 1/2d stamps were surcharged "One Penny", in addition to the word "Revenue".

CAMEROONS.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us several values of the current series of Middle Congo, overprinted "Cameroun—Occupation—Francaise", in three lines in black.

Adhesives.

5c dark green and blue.
10c carmine and blue.
20c brown and blue.
25c blue and green.
35c violet, brown and blue.

CHILE.—Jacques Krebs has shown us the new typographed 10c value from this country. The new stamp makes a good appearance, though necessarily lacking the sharpness and clearness of the engraved original. The most noticeable differences are the lack of the diagonal cross lines on the frame background, which is entirely composed of straight lines in the new printing. In the original, the vertical colorless lines defining the panels at the sides are unbroken, while on the typographed stamp the lines are broken in two places on each side by the foliated ornaments. Mr. Krebs shows us two shades. The deep blue of the original having been changed. The most noticeable change in the portrait is the disappearance of the colored centres of the two white dots just under the chin, though there are other minor differences. The perforation has been changed to 13 1/2 x 14, instead of 12.

Adhesive.

10c bright blue.
10c ultramarine.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Ewen's Weekly reports that the 1/2d and 9d values have been found with watermark defective, the "v" being omitted.

JAMAICA.—Mrs. Oughtred reports having seen the 3c War Tax stamp on both white and yellow back, the latter being the later issue.

The Rev. L. Meister also reports the new 1 1/2d stamp and the 3d War Stamp on both white and yellow backs. The sixth stamp in the ninth row of the latter is with period after "Stamp". The sixth stamp in the second row shows something like a ":" between the two words. Mr. Meister has three copies, so that he thinks it was something that occurred in the setting, and not in printing.

RUSSIA.—Offices in China.—The Stamp Lover reports that the 20k of the 1909-10 issue, and the 5r of the 1905 issue, have been overprinted in black for use in China.

Adhesives.

20k blue and carmine.
5r dark blue, green and pale blue.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO.—Jacques Krebs shows us the 2 1/2 in blue instead of ultramarine.

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Special Spring Back Binder, cloth and gilt	1.25
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Special Marquette Prong Binder, black Morocco Leather and full gilt	5.00
Special Transparent sheets, per doz., 15c; per 100	.75
Special Blank Leaves, per doz., 15c; per 100	.75

UNITED STAMP CO., 1151 Marquette Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

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A BOON TO COLLECTORS.

Without a doubt one of the greatest boons that stamp collectors ever enjoyed is the opportunity of acquiring colonial and foreign issues, as they appear, at a small percentage over face value through the medium of one or other of the established new issue agencies. Any philatelist who fails to realise this should communicate at once with any of those firms for a clear exposition of the benefits of the scheme.

The fact that such agencies can secure for their subscribers new issues at so low a minimum is indeed a matter for wonderment, and, having been favoured with interesting chats on the subject by those firms, we propose to relate to our readers a few episodes, and to cite a few examples of the difficulties with which those firms have to contend. These episodes should make it still more obvious that, with the great risks attaching to the business and the frequent occurrence of giving the collector "something for nothing," these new issue services deserve to be still more widely patronised. No more economical—and profitable—method of forming a collection "of new issues" can be imagined than this. The price of almost every commodity in everyday life has gone up by leaps and bounds, but the surprising thing is that the agencies maintain the original small percentages of pre-war days:—face value, or, in some cases, cost price, plus ten per cent.

The most popular investment is, of course, the "white back." Many of the cheaper varieties of war stamps, both Red Cross issues and provisionals overprinted on the late German Colonial stamps, such as Togo, Cameroons, Samoa, Marshall Islands, and New Guinea, have been sent out at cost price, plus ten per cent., and in all cases these have turned out a splendid investment. One of the latest firms to inaugurate a new issue service informs us that during the first eighteen months of this branch of their business they distributed no less than 304 different colonial stamps. Of these 206 bore the head of King George, 20 of them being "white backs", and many of them now obsolete.

In the foreign department, the same firm sent out in eighteen months 1,206 different stamps, about half that total consisting of surcharged and provisional issues, practically all of which are now obsolete.

As a general rule, members of these services may subscribe either for colonials or for foreign stamps (in cases where there are foreign sections), separately or both together, and may limit themselves to stamps up to a face value of 6d, 1s, 2s 6d, 5s, 10s, £1, or higher if desired. There would also probably be no objection to omitting certain items, such as officials, unpaids, Portuguese Colonials, Indian Native States, etc., in cases where collectors do not admit these particular stamps into their collections. As we have already remarked, the difficulties and risks are such that one wonders how they can conduct these services at such small expense to the subscribers. To our humble selves, it smacks of philatelic philanthropy!

One dealer tells us that he had a consignment of new issues from the British Solomon Islands on the way, and that

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This is a very fine hand book and is a nicely printed and well written work. You need it. The author is Mr. R. E. R. Dalwick, the well known author and editor of "Stamp Collecting".

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Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Beverly, Mass.

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We make up a packet of 100 varieties of the cheaper varieties of damaged United States and foreign, catalogue value over \$3.00, which we sell at 27c postpaid.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

when these stamps arrived in England they were found to be covered with oil; the package had been dropped into the sea en route, and a cold hearted official label indicated that the contents were "damaged by sea water." The ten per cent. doesn't allow for that sort of treatment!

We were also told of the dishonesty of native postmasters in India, many of whom think nothing of retaining remittances and "forgetting" to send the stamps ordered. We also hear of a large consignment from China which has apparently gone astray in the wilds of Asia. Capital is often tied up for months, and even years, and then there are such incidental items as agents' commission, insurance, postage, etc., which pretty well absorb or exceed the small percentage paid by the subscriber.

Difficulties, disappointments, and risks insuperable, the new issue services deserve every credit for the efficient way in which they handle their business and watch the interests of the collector.—S. C. Quarterly.

BRIDGER & KAY'S LIST.

Bridger & Kay, 71 Fleet St., London, Eng., shows enterprise in the publication of a most pretentious pricelist, revealing a very fine stock confined to Great Britain and its colonies. Stamps are listed individually and an idea can be secured of the comprehensiveness of the list when we state that its 78 pages are set in double column form. An asterisk is used to denote stamps of which blocks of four can be supplied and the book is freely dotted with them. This firm has been a regular patron of the WEEKLY and we consider it not only proper but justly due the firm to call attention to this pricelist, which is of more than ordinary interest and will be sent upon application.

ADLETS.

This column is for the use of our patrons who desire only a few lines of space. If you want to buy, sell, or exchange, it is without doubt the best advertising medium in the world. RATE.—20c per line, cash in advance. No display allowed. Six words (32 letters) to the line, including address. We offer 50 lines for \$7.50, where cash is paid in advance. This space can be used at such times and in such quantities as may be desired.

We shall use every possible endeavor to protect our subscribers, but we cannot undertake to be responsible for unsatisfactory trade relations. Advertisers against whom complaints are proven will be debarred the further use of these columns.

Advertisers sending out approval selections must take precautions to secure satisfactory references. We cannot undertake to settle all the petty disputes arising from the wide-spread scattering of approval selections.

Do you Use Wolsieffer's Approval Cards? [tf]

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25 different British Colonials to applicants for approval selections who send 2c postage. C. E. NICKLES, 122 Florida Av., Washington, D.C. [tf]

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100 British Col. and 1000 For., 20c. D. L. CURRAN, 66 Thorp St., Binghamton, N.Y. [tf]

50 diff. U. S., 13; 75 diff., 25; 100 diff., 40. Silas Weatherby, S.P.A. 1201, Medina, O. [H]

You miss money and stamps if you do not use our Approval books; prices are the most tempting. Do not forget the reference and get the premium. FORDHAM STAMP EXCHANGE, 132 Nassau St., N. Y. C. [H]

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What d'you need? I got it. I. ROBINSON, 52 Quincy Pl. N. W., Wash., D. C. [tf]

Medium priced foreign stamps, fine condition to exchange for same quality with S. P. A. or other club members. Also have good precancels to exchange for any better grade ones I can use. W. C. MALONE, care P. O., Houston, Texas. (S.P.A. 1207, I.P.C.91). [C38]

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Will you make a 20% investment? For the next few weeks, I will allow 20% discount on all purchases from my special net books, already priced at a big discount from catalog, and containing some fine stamps. Discount applies to purchases of \$1.00 or over. H. R. Stiles, 366 McClellan, Schenectady, N. Y. [tf]

New Zealand 1915, 3p brown, .03 6p carmine, 3c; 1sh vermilion, .08 1916, 11p gray, 2c; 2p orange, .03 Portugal 1913, Nos. 285 & 286 o. g., both, .08 Tunis Postal Pkt., 1906, 5c-5fr, complete, .47 GEO. T. SIMPSON, 433 Pearl St., Buffalo, N. Y. *

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For low and medium priced apps. write Clifford Kelley, 316 S. River, Independence, Mo. [39]

Wanted—A good collection to sell at our October Auction Sale. SHOLLEY-MILLER, L. H. Sta., Minneapolis. [39]

TWO BROTHERS WED THE SAME DAY.

(This news matter is taken from a San Francisco paper and it is of interest to our readers as both gentlemen are ardent philatelists and one year ago were very active in the entertainment of the A. P. S. The clipping is from the "Bulletin", Aug. 8. Congratulations to both of the happy couples are tendered by the WEEKLY.—Ed.)

Two brothers, members of a wealthy family and prominent in business circles, today claimed teachers as their brides, the contracting parties being:

Henry Charles Marcus, a merchant of Menlo Park, and Miss Hattie Belle Matthew of Santa Rosa, a piano teacher. Frank George Marcus, fruit packer of Menlo Park, and Miss Helen Walker of San Francisco, a school teacher.

The double ceremony was performed at the Palace Hotel at 9 o'clock this morning, with the Rev. Dr. W. S. Matthew of Santa Rosa, father of Miss Matthew, officiating.

LIDEN, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

This party pays no attention to letters written him. We have several complaints against him and as yet no satisfaction. We mention this fact for the public good.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322 Tremont Bldg., 8.15 P. M.

August 14, 1916.

There will be a regular meeting of the Society at the Hotel Bellevue at 8 p. m. on Monday evening, August 21. This meeting will be in the nature of a reception to our guests, the members of the American Philatelic Society. There will be some of the interesting stamp collections belonging to our members on exhibition. There should be a good attendance, as it will give us an opportunity to welcome many of our old friends, and will also give us a chance to make the acquaintance of many new ones with whom we will be associated during the next four days.

The programme outlined by the committee is as follows for the four days of the convention:—

Tuesday, Aug. 22.—At 2 p. m., a trolley trip to Lexington and Concord. Cars leave Harvard Sq., Cambridge, and go to Lexington. After a short stop it continues to Concord, where the party will have about two hours in which to look around, returning to Harvard Sq. Tuesday evening will be "Exchange Evening" at the Club room in the Tremont Bldg. Come prepared to exchange your duplicates with your brother philatelists.

Wednesday, Aug. 23.—Members are invited to a trip around Boston Harbor as the guests of the City of Boston on the City Steamer, through the kindness of His Honor, Mayor James M. Curley. In the evening, Mr. B. L. Drew will conduct an auction in the club room of the Society.

Thursday, Aug. 24.—Special cars leave the North Station for Salem. From Salem Station, the party will take autos provided by the Salem Board of Trade for a trip along the North Shore, returning to Salem Willows, where a shore dinner will be served at 4.30 p. m.

Friday, Aug. 25.—A trip to Plymouth and return on the boat with dinner on board, starting from Rowe's Wharf at 10 a. m.

There will be no expense to the mem-

Wholesale selections of "seldom seen" South American stamps sent on approval to dealers. A five dollar deposit brings a \$25 net selection. P. V. HIORDAN, Puerto La Plata, Argentine Republic.

Covers. 35 different foreign Covers, each cover containing 1 to 4 stamps, some with censor marks, .50 25 different Covers, better than above, cataloging about \$1.90, for, 1.00 ATLAS STAMP CO., W. Somerville, Mass. *

Advertising Chat

To those who are considering engaging in the stamp business we recommend a careful perusal of the series of articles by Bill Bloss on "The Stamp Dealer and His Stock." It will be worth your while. Bill has been there.

It is our aim to make this a readable feature of the WEEKLY, to disseminate information in real Bostonese fashion. We do not want to belong to the class represented by the man of whom Tom Reed said:—"He subtracted from the sum total of human knowledge every time he opened his mouth." That's an awful thing to say of any man.

If you contemplate any dealer advertising, the WEEKLY is your golden opportunity. Just get in touch with us.

Frank P. Brown this week takes over a quarter page following up the quarter pages by Pollard, Linn and Scott and the full page by Drew and all this in what is called the "dull season." A quarter page costs only \$17.50, less than \$1.50 per inch or only 12c per line.

Carroll J. Agnew, with us last year in adlets, takes displayed space this year. E. Moseley makes an occasional change to displayed and these signs of prosperity are welcome.

"How to Deal in Stamps," price 10c and the "Stamp Collector's Guide," price 25c are two books you really need.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

bers for the trolley trip or for the trip around the harbor.

The expense of the Salem trip will be \$1.50 per ticket and for the Plymouth trip, including dinner, \$2.00, tickets for which may be purchased from the committee.

It is absolutely necessary that the committee should know beforehand how many are expecting to go on these trips, and it is requested that all resident members who contemplate going, notify the Secretary in writing or in person not later than Monday evening, Aug. 21. FREDERIC W. STILES, Sec.

NOTICE.—Hon. James M. Curley, Mayor of Boston, will address the members of the A. P. S. at their meeting on Tuesday, August 22.

International Precancel Club.

Dr. W. I. MITCHELL, Pres.; H. S. DICKKEY, Vice Pres.; ROBERT WEBER, Galetton, Pa., Sec.-Treas.; GEN. C. A. COOLIDGE, W. W. NORTON, J. D. HUBEL and A. A. JOHNSON, Executive Committee.

REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING AUG. 12, 1916.

Applications for Membership.

D. C. Alexander, Franklin, Vt.; Age, 16; P. O. Clerk. Proposed by Robt. Weber.

Harry Robiou, 1019 High St., Des Moines, Iowa; Age, 40; Clerk. Proposed by J. D. Hubel.

Clarence Wm. Hennon, 202 So. Lincoln St., Chicago, Ill.; Age, 22; Dealer. Proposed by Dr. W. I. Mitchell.

Herbert Bachrach, 705 No. J. St., Tacoma, Wash.; Age, 21; Student. Proposed by Alfred A. Johnson.

New Members.

No. 125, E. P. Anthony, 3007 Wade Ave., Cleveland, O.

No. 126, Edwin B. Brown, 55 Chambers St., New Haven, Conn.

No. 127, Albert D. Kraus, 340 Dodge St., Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 128, Fred Kreuger, Box 166, Dozey, N. Dak.

No. 129, Hezekiah Shailer, Federal St., Beverly, Mass.

No. 130, Carl E. W. Welcome, 29 Lindey Ave., Westfield, Mass.

Financial Report.

Amt. on hand as per last report, \$33.71 Receipts from applicants, 2.00 Dues, 4.50

Total, \$40.21

Expense, \$2.00

Report in MEKEEL'S, \$2.00

Balance on hand, \$38.21

The dues of the I. P. C. are 50c per year. Application blanks will be gladly furnished by the Secretary.

ROBERT WEBER, Sec.-Treas., Galetton, Pa.

FOR MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

BAVARIAN VARIETY.

Two Types 3pf brown, 1890, Scott's 62.

By PERCY MCG. MANN.

There is always something new for the philatelic student to discover. And the collector who does not examine his stamps closely fails to know what he may be passing by.

In my stamp studies I have schooled myself to look more than once at a stamp. In several instances I have been rewarded by making important discoveries. I pay considerable attention to minor details, and, for that reason, almost every stamp I handle seems different from another. This is a personal pleasure, but I am sure other students could derive similar pleasures from close studies of the designs of the stamps which pass through their hands.

My most recent discovery (?) concerns the stamp mentioned in the above title. I have placed the question mark after "discovery" because there is a possibility that some other student has noticed the types which I will try to describe, although I have looked up many reference works and all the catalogues without finding any mention of two types of the Bavarian 3pf brown of 1890. I will attempt to make the matter clear by at once naming the two types "I" and "II".

Type I shows the "G" of "PFENNIG" not touching the circle enclosing the lower right numeral "3".

Type II shows the "G" of "PFENNIG" touching this circle.

Someone may at once observe that this may be due to worn plates. To offset any such observation, it will do no harm to state at this time that the "G" in type II, besides touching the circle is less upright than that in type I, or in other words the "G" is at an angle of 45 degrees in type II and 60 degrees in type I.

The numerals "3" also differ in the two types. Taking the lower right "3" in type I we find it has a smaller upper portion and the center point is closer to the top ball than it is to the bottom ball, while in type II, the upper portion of the "3" is almost as large as the lower and the center point is closer to the bottom ball than it is to the top ball. It will also be noticed that in type I, the inside curves of the "3" are almost straight, while in type II they are more rounded.

The earliest cancellation date of type II that I have found is "1 JAN 97".

The very white paper issue of 1901 shows this stamp in type II only, as far as I know.

There also appears to be a sub-variety of type II, in which the first "N" in "PFENNIG" is without serif at the top of the first stroke, i. e., the upper left corner of the letter.

Kohl's Catalogue mentions a variety of this stamp with a dot under the lower ball of the lower right "3"; I have found a copy of type II in which this occurs.

A. P. S. ATTENDANTS.

In view of the fact that the sessions of the A. P. S. will commence the coming Tuesday, we have discontinued our list of prospective attendants. We might say that a dozen names could have been added to the list last published.

"THE UNIVERSAL RUBRIC."

From the prospectus of an Italian book giving a selection of addresses of American philatelists, we quote the following:—

L. Brodstone, Nebraska, U. S.
Hudquist 700 East 40 St, Chicago
Louis Garcia Ibor City United States
A. Goulet, 586 Ummers St. Holyoke, Massa
M. Gilbert, 415 Vest Stret 31, New York
Massau Stampe, 118 Nassai St., N. Y. City.

If the addresses given are as reliable as those credited to the United States, the book will have little value. Of the above, Brodstone worries the least. He no doubt would get his mail if Nebraska was omitted.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—If any of our subscribers will communicate with Mr. Stevenson in connection with any cancellation designs in their possession not illustrated last week, we shall be greatly obliged. We hope to publish a further article dealing with this subject. Address, W. L. Stevenson, Flint, Mich. Mr. Stevenson also wishes to locate a lower half sheet of the current 2c showing a cracked plate. Who can help him out?

—The Powell Stamp Co. has advertised their Bonanza packet almost constantly in our publication for over fifteen years. Now, they have excluded many of the commoner Europeans and in their stead have added many choice items from British Colonials and Island countries. The price advances just 29c to meet the net cost of the extra value given. For twenty years the Powell Co. has confined themselves to the assembling of postage stamp collections. Years ago, most dealers used packets for the outlet of the junk that they accumulated. Powell has kept at improving packets until they offer nothing but fine stamps—no torn or damaged or hinged copies. Of all publications, Powell finds the WEEKLY pays best.

—A. A. Jones, Herrin, Ill., would like the address of G. H. Faber formerly 189 Grand River Ave., Detroit, Mich., or of Dr. O. L. Shirmer, 266 Cass Ave., same city.

—If too much trouble to procure a money order when you renew your subscription or purchase books from our list, remit in stamps 5c to 15c denominations. We shall appreciate the favor.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Maitland Milliken, Theodore H. Ames, J. Rausch.

—The official program of the S. P. A. convention is a handsomely gotten up book, with Harry B. Mason as editor. In the program are excellent features, including an address of welcome by Director Jos. E. Ralph of the Bureau of Engraving, automobile sight-seeing trip, auction sale, reception by Pres. Wilson, banquet, excursion to Mt. Vernon, visits to government buildings, etc. Editor Severn is representing the WEEKLY.

—The American Stamp Co., Laguna Beach, Cal., is unable to get back a \$12.75 approval selection from P. H. Koster, Los Angeles, Cal.

—Supplementing the article published June 17, Mrs. E. W. Oughtred submits samples of three interesting items as follows:—1d Gt. Br. Amusements Tax, ticket stub; 1c Ontario, same, regular ticket form; 1c Quebec, same. The Ontario ticket on reverse side has:—"One of these tickets required with every admission to any place of Amusement in Ontario."

—"From a letter received this morning from an American client, I gather that there is an impression abroad in America that stamps cannot be sent from England to United States at the present time. This is not so, and I have the British War Office permit to send stamps to the States as usual. Perhaps you will kindly mention this, as the erroneous impression referred to is calculated to damage English dealers."—W. T. WILSON.

—If 1c letter postage becomes a real thing a special stamp for first class mail will receive consideration, so the Third Asst. P. M. G. advises a WEEKLY reader.

—"I am sending you three of our daily mail envelopes pasted up with the regular 2c stamps, arriving each day. The striking variety of these colors, is of course understood, on account of the trouble we have in the Bureau getting the proper dyes for mixtures. I think such an envelope will be an interesting souvenir in any collection, and I suggest that your various correspondents paste the 2c stamp in its various shades on envelopes for future refer-

BROWN'S BULLETIN

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1867, 18 red imperf., fine used 2.40
Bolivia 1866, 5c yellow green 3.00
Belgium 1849, 10c superb mint11.00
1849, 20c superb mint 9.50
1855, "LL" 20c blue, P. O. state 5.25
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1861, 1c green, imperf., mint 1.10
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1856, 1r p (No. 10), mint superb 7.50
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Ionian Islands, set of 3 2.75
Japan 1876, 12s rose, mint 1.90
1876, 45s carmine mint 2.75
1876, 50s carmine mint 1.70
Leeward Islands, 5sh Jubilee, 1897 9.50
New Brunswick 1851, 6d yellow "dot" cancellation 9.50
New Foundland 1859, 8d rich scarlet, superb mint block 422.50
1859, 8d rich scarlet, sup. mint single 5.75
Oldenburg 1852, 1/30th blue80
1852, 1/2sg green good used18.50
1856, 1/2sg green fine unused40.00
1856, 1g light blue superb 5.10
New Republic, 10 or 12 fine unused—(write me).
Norway 1856, 2 yellow unused 2.00
1856, 2 yellow used superb90
Porto Rico 1877, the 2 "errors" of color, mint superb50.00
Portugal 1866, 50 green imperf., fine used 1.20
Peru 1858, 1d rose superb 2.70
1858, 1/2 buff good used but slightly thin 9.50
Reunion 1866, 5c on 40c (No. 6) 1.70
Rhodesia 1891, 8d on 1sh mint 9.50
Roman States 1852, 50b blue, superb used 6.00
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Trinidad 1894, 5sh claret 1.60
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1894, 10sh mint 9.50
1894, 1 pound mint 6.20
Two Sicilies 1858, 3g lake superb 1.70
1858, 5g lake unused 2.70
1858, 10g lake unused 3.60
1858, 20g lake unused 5.00
1858, 20g lake used superb 3.50
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1860, 1t blue, A9, superb32.50
Sicily 1859, full sets both used and unused at fair price.
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1857, 120c blue, used with pen cancelled.....18.50
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Notwithstanding the instructions contained in the Annual Postal Guides and special cautionary notices issued from time to time, many postmasters continue to treat mail matter for Newfoundland in the same manner as such matter for Canada.

The attention of all postmasters is again called, therefore, to the "Note" at the foot of page 87, to Section 11 on the same page, to Section 13 on page 88, to the item "Newfoundland" on page 113 and to Section 134 on page 116 of the Postal Guide for July, 1915, from which it will be seen:

(1) That Newfoundland is not included in Canada; (2) that the rate of postage applicable to printed matter of all kinds for Newfoundland is one cent for each two ounces or fraction of two ounces (the limit of weight being four pounds six ounces in all cases); (3) that letters (the domestic rate applies) must be dispatched to Newfoundland, whether or not any postage is prepaid thereon, and that other articles except international parcel-post packages must be dispatched if partially prepaid; and (4) that all parcel-post packages must be accompanied by customs declarations fully completed.

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BOSTON, Aug. 22, 1916.

At the close of this, my first year as your President, I have to report a very serene and comparatively uneventful annual period in the affairs of the American Philatelic Society—a quite different condition from that which some Presidents of far greater bodies have to report to their constituents in these troublous times. Happily we are engaged in a harmless and peaceful pursuit and are following paths of interest and pleasure; and the best part of it is that that pursuit seems to be very little affected by the ups and downs of the usual activities of life and not wholly so by cataclysms even, as its condition after two years of world war shows.

It is really remarkable, I think, to see how Philately has held its own and even progressed in the countries now at war. Very few are the firms dealing in stamps that seem to have been at all affected adversely; very few are the magazines that have been suspended on account of the hostilities, and one of high class even has appeared in their midst; then the rage for "war issues" of various kinds has been extraordinary, and stamps and literature have followed the devotees of our hobby even into the trenches. It all goes to show the strong hold that our patron saint "Philatelia" has upon her followers, a hold that even Mars, the God of War, has been entirely unable to shake, and proves anew the solid foundation upon which our pursuit is built.

It has been the custom of my predecessors frequently to give a résumé of the philatelic happenings of the year, but on glancing back through the past twelve-month I fail to note anything of very marked interest even in our own country's issues. The principal events in the latter seem to have been the advent of a new 2 cent envelope die and the concurrent adoption of gauge 11 as our standard perforation and a return to unwatermarked paper for our stamps on July 1st of this year. On looking abroad, perhaps the issue in commemoration of the accession of the new Emperor of Japan is the most noteworthy of the few commemorative stamps. But

most of the new issues we see are the results of "War, horrid war!" which ever way we turn. Occupation stamps there are to some extent and war tax stamps as well, but mostly are there stamps to help the funds for the relief of the hapless victims of "Armageddon". These have become so numerous that special catalogues have been issued as guides to their collection, and the very fact that stamp collectors have taken so much interest in these "Charity Stamps" as they are usually called, has largely increased their sale and so added extra funds to the good work they are put forth to help. Some of the warring nations naturally refuse to allow the importation of "enemy stamps", but we can buy from all and thus aid each side in its care for the victims of this fratricidal conflict.

The reports of the various officers in immediate charge of the several departments of the Society will acquaint you with the details of their work. There is nothing of especial moment that seems to call for extended remarks from the President, as far as these reports have reached him. One point, however, is uppermost in mind as a rule, and that is the increase in membership to a figure which it seems a national Society like ours should attain. President Stone in 1907 set 1,500 as a goal for attainment, and this figure was reached in 1908 by an extraordinary increase of nearly 40% for that year alone. But we have been hovering about that figure or below it for some years now and do not seem to be able to break away from it. The Boston Philatelic Society, one of our largest local bodies, has approximately 180 members, of which 120 are local or "resident" members. The national Society has only about twelve times this number, without counting foreign members; yet the nation contains some sixty fold the inhabitants of the Boston Metropolitan District. Look at Sweden. There is a country of some five and a half million people and its national Society has a membership of three quarters the size of ours. Our Recruiting Committee, and the added zest given by the kind

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Another question of possible vital moment to the Society at some future time, is that of the power to amend the By-Laws at a Convention where, as happened at San Francisco last year, the representation by person and proxy together did not equal the requirement of the present By-Law XII, viz: one third of the total membership entitled to vote. As it happened there was nothing in the sessions which required such a vote, but had there been the vote could not have been taken even if all

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votes were in the affirmative. I therefore recommend that this question be brought before the Convention for discussion at least and a possible solution.

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In conclusion I wish to express my own appreciation of the kindly co-operation and harmonious work of all my associates in office, and to wish the membership assembled here a fruitful and enjoyable Convention period.

DAVIS ELECTED SECRETARY OF THE A. P. S.

The triangular contest between Dr. H. A. Davis, Otto F. Moses and H. T. Wilcox for secretary of the A. P. S. ended in a victory for Dr. Davis, the vote standing Davis 287, Moses 201, and Wilcox 168. A singular thing about this election is the fact that C. A. Nast received 226 votes for a directorship, nearly enough to crowd all three of the secretarial candidates to the rear. The old officers were all re-elected excepting Messrs. Ault and Barnum, who were not up for re-election.

The A. P. S. convention opened in the Red Room at the Hotel Bellevue, Tuesday, August 22, the crowd filling the room and the corridor leading to it. 150 had registered including 82 members—a rousing convention. President Howes was in the chair.

The report of the president is printed elsewhere. 1539 members were reported by Sec. Ault as compared with 1433 last year. The secretary proposed 33 new members, W. G. Whittaker 23, Ross O'Shaughnessy 23, Vahan Moizan 16, and E. Klein 13. The sales during past year amounted to \$6,458, 29 per cent. of value of stamps entered. Balances in all funds totalled \$6,677, a handsome amount.

The attention of the convention was called to the serious illness of Geo. L. Toppan, a veteran member of the Society, now resident in Boston. Greetings on behalf of Mr. Toppan were extended by Alex. Holland, who was authorized by a rising vote of the convention to take to him the best wishes of the society.

Tuesday afternoon was spent in a trolley ride to Waltham, Lexington and Concord and the convention with its social events will be continued through the week.

The "night before" Monday, August 21, witnessed an informal gathering in the Red Room. There was some little speech making, but much sociability and many stamp treasures shown. The room was crowded to its utmost capacity and a most enjoyable evening passed in "getting acquainted."

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It was at this session that the committee on credentials reported on the number of proxies held and on the results of the election, as follows: Messrs. Kissinger, Lycett, Webb, Fischer, Klotzbach, were re-elected with handsome majorities. Messrs. Guest and Wallis were re-elected sales manager and exchange manager, respectively. These trustees were chosen: C. W. Arp, O. G. Beardslee and C. S. Lewis; while M. Ohlman was made auction manager; J. B. Leavy, counterfeit detector; and W. R. Ricketts, librarian.

The address of President Kissinger was so interesting that we shall try to make space for it, practically in its entirety.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

It is needless for me to say that it is my greatest delight to be with you in this God-blessed country enjoying National peace and particularly in the City of Washington, where our benign institutions of freedom and liberty hold sway for these United States, notwithstanding the horrible situation into which all the great powers of Europe are plunged: bounded by war and rapine on the East beyond the Atlantic, on the South by Mexican anarchy, on the West by rumors of wars growing out of Japan's restless assertiveness and on the North by mourning of the Canadian families, whose youths are perishing in the European trenches. We can indeed feel proud of so great a privilege of living here and above all be indeed happy that we have the honor of being members of the largest stamp society in these United States, viz. The Southern Philatelic Association, and enjoy the association of so great and interesting a hobby as well as most cordial and pleasant people.

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or slips of paper tied around them with
inscription, "Post paid the
day of 1653 or 54."
These slips were sold for a sou tape and
could be procured at the palace, turn
tables of convents and from porters of
colleges.

In 1758, under Louis XV, M. De-
Chamouset, a wealthy Parisian, estab-
lished a modest post for the Metropolis,
charging 2 Sols for single letters under
an ounce, which were prepaid by stamps
similar to those now in use. The Gov-
ernment perceived the gains derived
from this new enterprise, took them
from him for 20,000 francs; but so
meagre were the arrangements of the
Government that the stamps were sel-
dom used and soon were entirely for-
gotten.

The next Country to issue Postage
stamps was Spain. Their issue having
been authorized by a royal decree on
December 7, 1716, which stipulated that
the Secretary to the crown will have
the privilege of apposing on letters ad-
dressed to their authorities, a seal, im-
pressed in ink, bearing royal arms of
Castile & Leon which will pass them
free; but on June 8, 1794 notice was
given that the stamps mentioned in de-
cree of 1716 were only to be used for
letters of business. These official
stamps remained in use until the begin-
ning of the present century, when their
issue was entirely abandoned. From
1819 to 1836 a semi-official stamped
postal envelope was used in Italy.

In 1818, the emission of stamped
postal paper was announced and the
conditions under which it might be used.
This paper was prepared under the im-
mediate supervision of Director des
Postes and could be procured at Post
offices and vendors of tobacco, who re-
ceived a commission upon the sales.
There were three volumes of 15, 25, and
50 centesimi, all bearing the same de-
vice. These covers were little used and
finally withdrawn.

The next attempt was made by Tref-
fenburg of Stockholm, who proposed
the assembly of Swedish nobility to
issue stamped paper to be made into
envelopes for letters but his proposal
was rejected.

But to Rowland Hill are we indebted
for that postal reform which was intro-
duced by him into British Parliament
in 1837, which among other forms, pro-
posed that letters should be prepaid by
means of stamped covers or envelopes.

After many stormy debates it was
put into operation May 6, 1840. As
soon as the Postal scheme was matured



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more were sent but the simplest and
neatest one was decided upon which
was received from Heath of London.
At the same time a prize was offered
for the envelope, which was gotten by
Mulready, R. A. England therefore has
the honor of creating the postage stamp
adopted by all civilized countries. In
1840, the two penny stamp was issued
and subsequently a complete series rang-
ing in value from ½ penny to five
shillings. The postage stamp was
adopted in the United States by Act of
Congress, March 3, 1847. The first two
values that were introduced in the
United States were 5 and 10 cent stamps
with heads of Washington and Franklin
on them.

Many people in this great, wide
world are collecting stamps merely as a
pleasant hobby, which not only
broadens the intellectual mind but
creates a keen sense of the various
countries. Every man and woman has
ideals and aspirations, and nothing
could be more practical and capable of
realization than the Postage Stamp
which every man, woman and child
uses sooner or later in this great Uni-
verse.

For the benefit of those whose ideals
and aspirations have leaned toward the
stamp business we have formed the
great Organization known as the
Southern Philatelic Association, which
is one of the largest and strongest or-
ganizations known throughout the
world.

By appointing these various Vice
Presidents, it is my desire that they
form a Branch Society of their own.
For instance, take the State of Penn-
sylvania: the Vice President of the
State should call together all the Vice
Presidents of the various cities in it
and report what progress is being made,
at least once during the calendar year.
The Vice President of each city should
form their own society that at the call
of the Vice President of the State there
would be great rivalry and enthusiasm
as to who was doing the most work.
Then at the end of the year or at least
once a year there should be a Nation
wide convention wherein all can partici-
pate and I assure you that no greater
enthusiasm could be displayed than at
such a Convention. May I, therefore,
urge every officer to secure as many

new members as possible and follow
out this plan of organizing that at our
next NATIONAL convention we may
have a report from every large city and
every State and Country in the world.

I want to make particular mention of
the splendid report of the Secretary.
The gain in membership over last year
is well worthy of commendation and I
am sure we are all greatly indebted to
our Secretary for his untiring efforts,
zeal and energy displayed in this won-
derful work during the past year. In
fact, too much credit cannot be given
all the officers. I desire to bear person-
al tribute to their unvarying courtesy
and considerate attention shown during
the past year, possibly the most momen-
tous in our history. It is almost in-
vidious to mention names because every
officer and committee, and practically
every one belonging to this great So-
ciety has been willing at all times to
cheerfully render any service for the
good of the Society, if called upon.

Let me again draw your attention to
the Philatelic Library, Mr. William R.
Ricketts, Librarian, who has received
a number of books and papers from
various members, however, I know that
many of us, if we would only avail our-
selves of the opportunity could send in
any duplicates or issues which we do
not particularly care for, as they may
be of great interest sooner or later to
the less fortunate members of the As-
sociation.

In conclusion, I again extend to you
my best wishes for a most pleasant, none
the less profitable, convening and offer
you my very best co-operation in be-
half of the Society now and at all times
and thank you most sincerely for every
kindness extended me during the past
year. Whoever the new Officers may
be for the ensuing year I ask that you
give them your earnest support and co-
operation. As things take unto them-
selves the color of their surroundings
so also do men take on the characteris-
tics and qualities of others whom they
admire and with whom they have some
association. Who, then, ladies and
gentlemen, would be more welcomed in
our Society today than the men that
are up for election, and I trust you were
most discreet in your decision.

Again wishing you unbounded success
for the coming year and hoping to meet
you at future conventions, I am,

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Under this heading we desire to publish all
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prohibited as we desire to give full credit for
services rendered.

—We are indebted to J. L. Whitman,
T. H. Ames, Paul Dillingham, Chas A.
Townsend, Stuart T. Danforth, F. P.
Moore, and Ralph L. King for in-
formation regarding the 12c copper red.
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thanks from Paul Dillingham, Theo-
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you to know that we have formed a
philatelic society in Porto Rico and that
great interest and enthusiasm has been
shown on this line."—CARLOS M. LOPEZ.

—"Some time ago I sent a small lot
on approval to E. C. Bernworth, Bryce-
land, La., and cannot get a reply to
several inquiries regarding same."—E.
A. MOSELEY.

—In the New York Telegram of Au-
gust 13 is a most remarkable feature
story, occupying an entire page and
given over to stamp collecting. King
George's collection holds the center of
the stage, while "war stamps" form a
no small part of the write up. The
article is by Ed. A. Goewey, and is cal-
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EDITORIAL.

Accomplished—It remained for the Southern Philatelic Association to discover that Washington, D. C., was the ideal city for a national philatelic convention, even in August; and the visitors to the capital during the week of August 14th, 1916, have every feeling of satisfaction for having attended the deliberations of America's foremost philatelic society, numerically. It was somewhat of a surprise to learn how the organization had grown during the year past, until it has attained a membership of 1492, with fifty applications pending. The secretary seems reasonable in his prediction that at the next convention the membership will reach the two thousand mark. At any rate, it remained for this bustling association, to whose members precedent was no fetish, to penetrate the aloofness of Washington, as it seemed, and reveal the supreme attractions of the capital as a seat of national conventions of philatelists. The Southern Philatelic Association deserves the gratitude of all society members, for it has shown that Washington, the stamp source of the nation, is the logical rendezvous of its philatelists.

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Feeling—It is not great exaggeration to say that the feelings of the delegates to the first national philatelic convention at Washington were exalted by the surroundings at the nation's capital; and the stamp theme rang loud throughout the sessions. In fact, the convention was one singularly devoted to stamps, a circumstance that should be attributed to the great part played in the proceedings by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and its efficient director, Joseph E. Ralph. Indeed, cannot one regard the seat of postage stamp production in this country as the Mecca to which all good philatelists should make abeisance occasionally? Director Ralph, we may interpose here, paid the visitors many attentions and it is but just to say that his hearty entering into the spirit of the occasion was of immense advantage to the members. Director Ralph is an officer of whom we stamp folks and the nation may be proud. Alert, aggressive

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and capable, with a personality that commands respect, inspires interest, and engages good-will, Director Ralph will be remembered as one of the main features, so to say, of the Washington convention.

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Opening—The address of welcome at the opening of the convention Tuesday morning, August 15th, was read by Director Ralph, and his remarks were most attentively followed by the roomful of about one hundred people. We doubt whether Director Ralph ever before had an audience that so plainly showed the rapt interest of its members as he sketched word pictures of the Bureau and its varied industries, even though they were limited to the creation of the securities of the government. A significant feature of Director Ralph's address was its tone of intimacy, and he told much that pertained to the inner workings of the vast machine over which he presides. The statistics that Mr. Ralph quoted were amazing, of course; and his descriptions of the working morale of the thousands of employees of the Bureau were of engrossing interest. Mr. Ralph's remarks in reality were a lecture that would have chained the ear of the public, and that is equivalent to saying that it did charm the philatelic listener. At the conclusion of the address, "A Story of the Postage Stamp," by Director Joseph E. Ralph, an eight page pamphlet was distributed to members with the compliments of the author. As soon as we find space, we shall take the liberty of reproducing the little monograph.

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Phases—We have referred to the confidential tenor of Director Ralph's remarks, and it was a tribute to the discretion of the delegates to speak unreservedly before them. Mr. Ralph told how he had bought up all the color bases that he could find at the outbreak of the war, thereby gaining immunity for some time to come. Then, a shipment of colors was made from Germany with the permission of Great Britain, and of this quantity there is a supply that will carry the Bureau through the next month or so. Thus far, Great Britain has refused to allow another cargo to sail from Germany. Needless to say, Mr. Ralph is in the market for colors at any price and this assertion gives the *quietus* to any statements to the effect that the changes in colors that have been noticed in the stamps have been due to economy. The question of perforations was touched upon, and the experiments undertaken with the idea of securing satisfactory results were recounted. On this and other phases, Director Ralph dwells in his little leaflet or pamphlet.

New—The doom of the watermark in United States stamps was sounded by Mr. Ralph (as announced some time ago in the WEEKLY), and the important news was given that a new commemorative stamp was soon to be issued, work having been well under way for a special stamp to celebrate the admission of Mississippi into the Union in 1817. This commemorative stamp to mark the one hundredth anniversary of Mississippi as a state will be a noteworthy addition to our issues.

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Bureau—On the morning of August 17th, the delegates were the guests of Director Ralph at the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, and every facility was afforded the visitors in their tour of inspection. In groups of ten collectors, special guides were instructed to take the visitors everywhere in the huge plant and, literally, the members saw everything from top to bottom. The special courtesy that was paid the delegates by reason of their unusual interest in the product of the department was appreciated, and the opportunity was one that was made possible through the influence of the convention. Said Director Ralph: "I want you to see everything from the inception of the stamp to its shipment," and it is to be added that the visitors absorbed all the details that their heads would carry. Re-assembling in the director's room, Mr. Ralph gave each delegate a beautiful souvenir in the shape of wonderfully exquisite steel engravings of the Capitol, the White House, etc., as examples of the work of the Bureau. Also, for the delectation of the collectors, there was a mile or so of strips from the coils that were looked over for plate-numbers. The kindly co-operation of Director Ralph and the entertainment of the delegates at the Bureau had most to do with making the convention the success that it was.

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President—On Wednesday morning, August 16th, somewhat earlier in the day than had been planned, the members were informed that they were to be taken to see the President. The session was adjourned and the members repaired to the White House, where they were ushered into the presence of President Wilson, who shook hands with each delegate as presented. It was remarked that President Wilson appeared careworn and bowed by his burden of responsibilities. We should recommend philately as embodying a pleasant palliative.

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CANADA STAMPS SURCHARGED "WAR TAX."

The 5c, 10c, 20c Values Were Not Available for Postage.

Gladstone Perry kindly favors us with a copy of a letter from E. J. Lemain, Supt. of the Postage Stamp Branch of the P. O. Dept. of Canada, which effectually sets at rest the rumor that the 5c, 10c, 20c "War Tax" stamps were ever legally usable for postage purposes. We quote from the letter:—

"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, forwarding a clipping from an English publication in which a Canadian correspondent states that the 5, 20, and 50c stamps which were overprinted 'War Tax' for use by the Department of Inland Revenue, were acceptable for Postage, and asking for a ruling from this Department. In reply, I am to inform you that the stamps in question were surcharged by the Department of Inland Revenue and ceased to be available for postage purposes from the time of such surcharge."

CARUSO'S COLLECTION STOLEN.

H. C. Tidd sends us a newspaper clipping that indicates the loss by Caruso of his valuable collection of postage stamps. The clipping is very brief in wording:—

"New York, Aug. 18.—Somebody has stolen Caruso's stamps. A letter from the famous tenor says that on the way to Naples his trunks were broken into and his valuable collection has disappeared."

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By BILL BLOSS.

(Would you like to deal in stamps? It is a lucrative, pleasurable occupation and this series of articles by Mr. Bloss will prove helpful in showing you "how." If you know stamps, have enough capital to get a stock, and possess a goodly amount of energy—this article by Mr. Bloss will meet your need. Read it carefully.—Ed.)

CHAPTER III.—Approval Business.

Unless a stamp dealer has an exceptional local trade, or devotes his attention to auction sales or wholesale business, he must depend on mail business for a considerable portion of his sales. While many dealers do not carry on an approval business, the vast majority do, and this method of purchasing stamps has grown far more popular with collectors than any other method, chiefly because it affords the purchaser an opportunity of seeing the stamp before buying.

The approval business may be roughly divided into two sections, "kid" business and high-class. If the dealer is in position to devote most of his time to the business, and can secure the assistance of several clerks (girls preferred) he will find the boy business well worth going after. The

Boys Prefer Low Priced Stamps,

retailing generally from one to ten cents, seldom higher. The larger and more brilliant the stamp, the better. This class of stock wholesales from 10% to 20% of catalogue and allows a fine margin of profit, if enough can be sold. This last condition applies more to the ability of the dealer to handle the trade rather than to the difficulty of securing business. Boy business is practically unlimited. Last year the writer inserted four half-inch advertisements in the *American Boy*, *Boys' Magazine*, and *St. Nicholas* magazines, using all three in December and one in November. Nearly eight hundred replies resulted from these two inches of space. Had the writer been able to handle this volume of business, and to properly circularize and premiumize the boys, it is probable that several thousand customers would have resulted, as each boy can be depended upon to send around at least five friends, and the chances are that these friends will do their part, etc. If the dealer

Puts Out A Good Line of Approvals,

he will have little trouble in securing all the business he can handle. The sales from this class of business are generally small, and the expense of handling is practically the same as though the stock was high grade. Therefore, though the margin of profit is great, it is necessary to sell an immense quantity of goods in order to realize a material profit. It is practically impossible for a dealer to handle this class of trade himself, without assistance, though it has been done. It is far better to work out a system for handling this work, and then to turn it over to a clerk, or to some widow or cripple who will appreciate this chance to make a little honest money. No dealer who values his time above eight dollars a week should consider this work. He will soon find that he has enough to do to inspect the lots, handle the correspondence, and keep in touch with the credits and customers.

In order to extract the greatest profits from this business, it is necessary to

Simplify It As Much As Possible.

The scheme generally followed by the big dealer is to prepare a series of lots, using the same varieties in each series. In other words, a hundred sheets of the same kind are prepared. (Even this quantity will not last long before an "army" of boy collectors.) The same varieties are used on every sheet of the lot, and are placed exactly the same on each sheet. This method insures in-

stant detection of substitution, aids the dealer in keeping in touch with the "best sellers," furnishes a check on the clerk mounting the sheets, prevents duplication in the series, simplifies the matter of filling up the sheets as sold (as will be explained later) and in keeping accounts. In preparing these sheets, the clerk may be given a hundred stamps of a kind, twenty varieties, together with a hundred ready priced sheets. It is a very simple matter to make up all the sheets alike, and no cataloguing and pricing is necessary, therefore errors on that score are eliminated. Duplicates of the stamps should be kept on approval cards (reserve stock in envelopes) allowing one pocket to each space on the sheet. In this way, as a sheet returns partially empty, the stamp to fill each space will be found in the pocket assigned to this space. Care should be used that the same stamp is not assigned to two spaces in the series, as duplication will result. Bear in mind that it is absolutely a waste of time and money to send your client a stamp after he has rejected one of the same kind.

Avoid Duplication.

In mounting the stamp, in order to prevent confusion and mis-spacing (especially if the employee is unfamiliar with stamps) a good method is to attach five small boxes, about 3x3 inches, to a strip of card-board, so that they are in a vertical row. These boxes should be filled with stamps to correspond to a vertical row on the approval sheet, each box representing a space, in the order of their appearance on the sheet. Nearly every operator is capable of mounting five stamps at a time without error, while even the more experienced are liable to make a mistake if the full twenty are mounted at one time. Also, thinking takes time, and time is money. The more automatic this work can be made, the cheaper it can be done. By placing the boxes to the left of the operator and the hinges to the right, it is possible to mount each stamp in six motions, as follows:—

1. Right hand moves from filled space to hinge box.
2. Right hand elevates hinge to mouth (or moves to sponge).
3. Right hand attaches one end of hinge to blank space of sheet.
4. Left hand moves to respective box, selecting stamp.
5. Left hand places stamp under hinge.
6. Right hand bends hinge and exerts pressure to affix stamp.

Since the handling of the moist hinge usually necessitates the most dexterity, the above arrangement is recommended. It may be reversed, however. By using such a method, it is possible to mount stamps very quickly and accurately.

After the sheets are prepared and accounted for, they should be filed away in a box or large envelope. Each lot should be filed separately, and in order. In this way it is possible to find the sheets as needed, without searching through the entire stock.

In sending out the selections, after the application has been approved by the

"Credit Department,"

a sheet of the first lot should be sent out together with invoice and return envelope. Premium and advertising matter may and should be included. It is advisable to have several different series available, including U. S., Euro-

RUSSIA TURKEY

1910	5 on 1k Blue Surch. No. 70 unused.	.06
1910	5 on 1k Blue Surch. 80	.06
1910	5 on 1k Blue Surch. 90	.06
1910	5 on 1k Blue Surch. 100	.06
1910	5 on 1k Blue Surch. 110	.06
1910	5 on 1k Blue Surch. 140	.06
1910	5 on 1k Blue Surch. 150	.06
1910	5 on 1k Blue Surch. 160	.06
1913	5 on 1k Romanoff	.213
1913	10k on 2k Romanoff	.214
1913	15 on 3k Romanoff	.215
1913	20 on 4k Romanoff	.216
1913	1p on 10k Romanoff	.217

RUSSIA

1905	3k brown orange	No. 201	.20
1905	5k violet and straw	202	.30
1905	7k blue and pink	203	.40
1905	10k blue and yellow	204	.50

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No. 19	1p rose	.06
No. 22	6p olive	.75
Nos. 26, 27, 28		.30
No. 29	4p lilac and black	.12
No. 30	6p lilac and violet	.50
No. 31	1sh green and black	.40
No. 36	5p lilac and green	.20
No. 37	7p lilac and carmine	.25
No. 38	10p lilac and yellow	.30
No. 43	23p violet on blue	.20
No. 44	3p violet and orange	.30
Nos. 50, 51		.12
No. 52	2p	.20
No. 53	21p	.12
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No. 101, 1c deep claret	lightly cancelled blocks
No. 102, 2c "	of four showing variety
No. 104, 10c "	horizontal E in each block.

JAMAICA

1916, 1½d orange, mint.....	.05
War stamp 3d yellow back, mint.....	.15

Burger & Co., 90 Nassau St., New York

U. S. Parcel Post \$1, straight edge ....	.35
France, 1900, 2fr azure, Crown (15c) ..	.07
Italy 1901, 5 lire blue and rose (25c) ..	.10
Salvador 1914, 25c purple and br. (25c) .08	
Union of So. Africa 1913, 2sh 6d (50c) .22	
E. PAIMANN, 76 Nassau St., N. Y. City.	

peans, Africans, etc., according to the wants of the collector.

In numbering these selections, the writer found the following system very satisfactory: Sheets intended for filling the first order were designated by the figure 1, those for the second by 2, etc. A cipher was then added, then a figure to designate the type of sheet of those intended for the respective lot, and finally the individual sheet number of that type. Thus, 10,170 signifies the seventh sheet of the first type of the first lot, 30,346 signified the forty-sixth sheet of type three, lot three. Such a system of numbering will prevent the possibility of sending the same type of sheet twice to the same buyer.

Since it is impossible to demand references from boy trade, and to investigate them, the only way to handle this business is to take a chance. A sheet cataloguing 56c and selling for 25c net, should cost about 10c. Thus

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Honduras 1903, 20c No. 116		.10	.03
Nicaragua 1912, 1, 2, 5p Nos. 307-8-9		1.20	
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A reference will bring a selection of our net approvals.

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quite a number of losses may be suffered before any consequential amount is lost, and the sales will offset this. In my experience, I found that between five and ten per cent. must be charged to loss, either from carelessness or theft. However, as I did not follow up my claims very well, this percentage is a little higher than had I made more vigorous attempts to collect. In listing customers, I use a 3x5 card system, using white cards for prospects, manila for customers, and blue for frauds. Consultation of this card case will often save a second loss.

In Keeping My Approval Record,

I use a loose leaf binder with specially ruled pages to fit. At the top of the page, I enter the name and address of the buyer, as well as any references, and the source of inquiry. In the first column, I enter the date of sending the lot; in the second, the sheet numbers; in the third, the gross or net value, as the case may be; in the fourth, the net price for the entire lot; in the fifth, the discount; in the sixth, a description of the lot, if special; then in the seventh column (on the right side) I enter the date the lot is returned; in the eighth, the amount purchased; in the ninth, any debits or credits; in the tenth, the total amount purchased to date, and lastly, any remarks, to aid me in sending further lots, or otherwise. This entry sheet was devised by the manager of one of the largest stamp companies in the country, and is, I believe, the most practical ever designed, as it gives the full information of every transaction in a compact form, and tells at a glance just what kind of a buyer each customer is. As accounts are closed or temporarily discontinued, I file the sheets in another binder, alphabetically. At intervals, I circularize these accounts and usually succeed in drawing some new sales from them.

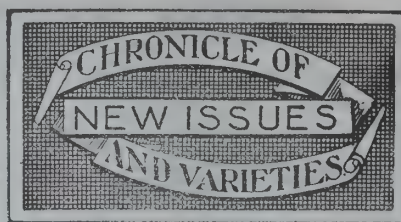
In Sending Out These Selections,

the dealer must aim to please the customer, and yet must protect himself. Many frauds attempt to secure large lots after the first few times, and dealers should have a fixed limit of value for each selection. My first selection listed at 56c and sold for 25c net, my second at 90c and 40c net, my third at \$1.28 and 60c net, my fourth at \$1.70 and 75c net, etc., adding a few cents each time. The first time I sent but one sheet, the second, two, and later three or four. After the customer has proved himself honest and enough of a buyer to warrant the trouble, it is a good plan to submit larger selections. As my time was limited, I made it a rule to cater only to customers spending at least 10c the first time and later 25c each time.

For an Invoice,

I use the following:—
 Heading Date
 Address of customer,
 "Dear Sir:
 I enclose herewith a selection of stamps on approval as follows:
 Enclosures Net purchases
 \$..... \$.....
 Etc.
 Discount You may keep this entire lot for \$..... Please note opposite the entry the net amount taken from each item. I cannot give you credit unless you return this invoice. ALL GOODS REMAIN MY PROPERTY UNTIL PAID FOR IN FULL. (See Article on "Credits.") Remittances under \$1.00 may be made in unused 1c and 2c stamps GUMMED. Do not risk loss by sending coin by mail.
 I will appreciate the return of this selection within ten days. Unless forbidden, I will submit another selection.
 If you have any suggestion or complaints to make, I want to know them.
 Yours very truly,

The above should give the new dealer a good insight into the handling of boy trade. Bear in mind that it is the volume of business that gives the profit.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—J. M. Bartels writes as follows:

"Yesterday I paid a visit to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and according to Mr. Ralph's statement the first unwatermarked paper was just being used, namely, August 17. No change will be made in the perforation for the present, but the old wheels which perforate 10 will gradually be replaced by wheels perforating 11. However, it may be two or three months before any of them will be installed."

ARGENTINE.—George B. Warren, Jr., was the first to show us one of the new Argentine commemorative stamps, the 5c value. The stamp is of medium size, 27x21 mm., a horizontal oblong, on white paper, watermarked honeycomb, and perforated 13½. The design is simple, showing "Republica Argentina" in a straight line at the top, with the value in small tablets, nearly square, in the lower corners. The dates "1816" and "1916" are worked in next to the value tablets, while in the centre between the value and dates is an irregularly-shaped tablet with the legend: "Declaracion—de la Independencia Argentina—9 de Julio 1816." As stated previously, the greater part of the stamp is occupied by the scene, of which the above legend is the description.

Adhesive.
5c red.

BAVARIA.—Although Bavaria has not accepted the Prussian proposal that she should renounce her privilege of issuing special stamps, the new rates of postage which come into force in Germany on August 1 will extend to Bavaria, so that kingdom, like the rest of the German Empire, will probably have to issue new stamp denominations of 2½, 7½, and 15 pfennig, and postcards of 7½ pfennig, says the *London Telegraph*.

CANADA.—Gladstone Perry has the following to say regarding the letter from Bright & Son in re the Canadian high value "War Tax" stamp, printed in No. 1337:

"I note in the WEEKLY of August 12 a memo. from Messrs. Bright and Son, to the effect that the 5c, 20c and 50c Canada War Tax, surcharged on Postage had been seen with Postal Cancellations. I can substantiate this as I have several such copies in my own collection and have seen several such registered, both with and without ordinary postage stamps. I did not include them in my list of those used for postage as I had seen a copy of an official circular warning postmasters not to accept these issues for postage, and took it that while they had been used as postage, it was possibly without the knowledge of the department and that they took occasion to correct this by the circular above mentioned. As I had noticed this same statement in the *Postage Stamp*, London, I have written the Postmaster General and hope soon to have definite information as to whether or not these issues were ever officially recognized as postage stamps. If they were merely passed by postmasters through their similarity to postal issues, their position would be doubtful."

HAYTI.—A. W. Dunning sends us two new provisionals from this Republic, the 20c orange, Scott's Nos. 100 and 106 having been surcharged with a large figure "1" in frame with round corners,

15c 1869

No. 118—brown and blue\$1.70
 No. 119—brown and blue picture framed .75
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 BARGAIN LIST POST FREE.

like the 1c on 50c previously noted. The surcharge on both is blue. Of No. 100, 35,000 were surcharged, but of No. 106, only a very limited number, and most of these were corralled.

Provisional Adhesives.

1c on 20c orange, No. 100; blue surcharge.
 1c on 20c orange and blue, "Post Paye," No. 106; blue surcharge.

JAMAICA.—The Rev. L. Meister reports having found the ½d "War Stamp" without the period. These stamps are overprinted in sheets of 240 stamps, and the error above mentioned occurs on the first and fourth stamps in the second row of the lower right block of 60 stamps. The other blocks are correct. By the way, the error on the 3d War stamp noted in 1338 should be "without" period.

LONG ISLAND.—This is another of the new postal districts established in Turkish waters, like Rouad and Castelorzio, recently noted. This time the English and not the French are responsible. We abridge as follows from Mr. Melville's article in the *Postage Stamp*:

One of the most extraordinary stamp issues of the present war was made as recently as May of the present year. The name of the territory for which these stamps have been issued is Long Island—not the Long Island of American renown, but a long island, recently taken by the British from the Turks, in the Gulf of Smyrna. On taking over the island the British naval authorities in the Aegean Sea renamed it "Long Island", and have given a new geographical and topographical nomenclature to the whole of the island and the surrounding waters.

A naval officer, Lieut.-Commander H. Pirie-Gordon, R. N. V. R., was placed in control as Civil Administrator of this new British possession, and printed and issued an official gazette containing the "Postal Regulations and Censorship." The usual postal rates of the United Kingdom apply while it is specified that no letters were to leave the Island uncensored. When the British Navy took this island there were a few Turkish fiscal stamps found there which were commandeered and converted into postage stamps of the denominations ½d, 1d, and 2½d. The number of these fiscal stamps found was extremely small. The surcharging was done by means of a typewriter and reads "G. R. I.—Postage—2½—Pence" or other value as the case may be. The ½d stamp is surcharged in carmine on the 20 paras green and buff. The 1d is surcharged in black on the 10 paras carmine and buff, and the 2½d is in magenta on the 1 piastre violet and buff.

Of these stamps there were in all only seventy copies, of which there were 25 of the halfpenny, 25 of the penny, and 20 of the twopence-halfpenny.

As the supply of captured Turkish stamps which had been overprinted for postal use, were inadequate for the needs of the Island, a supplementary supply of typewritten stamps was prepared. These were printed entirely by the typewriter, recalling the famous Missionary issues of Uganda. In typewriting the stamps in sheets of 16, 20 or 24 carbon papers were used to expedite production, and these carbon papers, producing impressions in different colors from the typewriter ribbon, thus lengthening the list of varieties.

Stanley Gibbons' War Catalogue gives the following list of the stamps issued

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45 Dutch Indies 1902, 2 1/2 on 3c, .03
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from May 7 to May 26, the issue being discontinued on the latter date.

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Turkish fiscal stamps overprinted "G. R. I., Postage" and new value. No wmk. Perf. 12.

1. 1d in carmine, on 20 paras green and buff (25).
2. 1d in black, on 10 paras carmine and buff (25).
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11. 2 1/2d black—(80).

12. 6d mauve—(100).

13. 1s mauve.

14. 1s blue.

15. 1s black—(532 in all).

(2) Thin wove paper. No wmk. Imperf.

In sheets of 20, and initialed in pencil.

16. 1d black—(144).

17. 1d black—(144).

18. 2d mauve.

19. 2d black—(288 in all).

20. 2 1/2d black—(144).

21. 6d blue.

22. 6d black—(244 in all).

(3) Pale green paper, ruled with horizontal grey lines. No wmk. Imperf.

In sheets of 16 initialed in red ink.

23. 1d black.

24. 1d blue.

25. 1d mauve—(140 in all).

MEXICO.—Thomas J. Gabriel also reports the 1c of 1910, surcharged "G. P. de M.—10 Centavos," on both white and blue surfaced paper.

PHILIPPINES.—J. M. Bartels sends us a Philippines 2cvs envelope No. 5 on white showing watermark 1915 known as No. 20, also a Philippines Special Delivery 20cvs, perforated 10. The 2cvs in sheets, perf. 10, and the Special Delivery, were first placed on sale July 8 and no other stamps have as yet been issued perf. 10.

WEST INDIAN AND OTHER ISSUES.

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

War Tax Stamps.—The West Indian colonies are issuing stamps for the payment of war taxes on postal matter. I have already noted the 1/2d and 3d stamps of Jamaica. The 1d stamps of Grenada, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent have been similarly overprinted. The St. Vincent stamp is roughly hand-stamped with a heavy overprint reading "War Stamp" in two lines. This overprint was applied to 20,000 stamps, and the issue commenced on June 1. The post offices in the Colony were instructed not to sell more than thirty of these stamps to one individual at a time, to prevent speculation by stamp-collectors. Such a limitation is, however, more likely to encourage speculation than to prevent it, as there was nothing to hinder a purchaser making repeated visits to different post offices. The only safe way to escape speculation is to issue an adequate supply of the stamps to meet all the demands.

British Empire Catalog.—The ever increasing number of the world's stamp issues has been straining the bulk of the stamp catalogues, and Messrs. Bright & Son in the eleventh edition of their "A.B.C. Priced Catalogue" have separated the stamps of the British Empire into a volume by themselves. This will no doubt prove a popular innovation, as the tendency among collectors in this country has been more and more to limit themselves to the stamps of the Empire. British Colonial stamps for many years have been the safest investment, and at the present time, when the market in other collectable objects has fallen, the effect of the war has been to strengthen the market in the stamps of Great Britain and the Overseas possessions. In their preface the publishers point out that "notwithstanding the tremendous convulsion which is going on in a great portion of the globe, the demand for stamps in general, and war issues in particular, is as great as ever, with the result that increases in price are enormously in excess of reductions."

Advertising Chat

The sale of the Count de Souza collection by Harmer, Rooke & Co. is properly advertised this week and it looks good. Note the things that are offered. This company has sold 39,000 lots during the past season, an auction record the firm may well feel proud of.

Already we see signs of trade awakening and the WEEKLY looks forward to a prosperous business this fall. Interest has been kept alive this past summer as never before, due to the many provisionals that have sprung up on all sides.

Did you get your block of four of the Canada perforated 8 x 12? If not you were a bit slow. And how about your block of four 12c U.S. in the copper red shade, with reverse showing distinct pink?

Note our book list and get what you need. You are very unwise to attempt to collect without a library. Our books are uniform in size and nicely printed. Next book "U. S. Grills" by Stevenson with blank pages for notes.

Read Bloss' article. Bill is O. K.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

Belgian Stamps Seized.—British dealers are warned that 2 3/4 millions of Belgian stamps of the Antwerp and Brussels exhibition issues were seized by the Germans in Belgium, and have recently been sold by auction in Charlottenburg. It is reported that the bidding for the Brussels issue started at three marks, but a Berlin dealer made the successful bid at 650 marks. The Antwerp issue realised 1,800 marks. It is not unlikely that these may be offered to the British trade through neutral countries at prices very much below face value, as was the case with the sets of Belgian railway stamps.—*London Telegraph*.

SARDINIAN AND ITALIAN.

What are the distinctions between Sardinian and early Italian Stamps? In the first place it is difficult to say for certain which series ends the purely Sardinian issue, and where the Italian begins. Usually it is agreed that the issues of 1851, 1853 and 1854 were used in Sardinia only, and that of 1856 at first used only in that island was afterwards extended to the mainland. The distinction then must be drawn between the first three issues and those of 1856 and 1862.

Now the first issue causes no difficulty. This portrays Victor Emmanuel II., and is lithographed on plain white wove paper, the values being 5c black, 20c blue and 40c rose to magenta. In 1853, began the embossed issues. The emissions of that year has the whole design embossed on coloured paper, and for that reason is easily distinguishable. The 1854 issue is also completely embossed, but the frame only is coloured while the centre oval, containing the head, is alone left white. In the 1856 issue—the first used in Italy—the frame is lithographed in colour, the inscription being thus in white; the head alone is embossed. It is to be noted that the design of all these issues is identical. To simplify matters the catalogues of Gibbons, Senf and Kohl begin Italy with 1862, in which year the transitory set of 1856 was issued perforated, thereby settling all doubts.

Surveying the issues at a glance we have now the following results:

1851. Whole stamp lithographed. Used in Sardinia only.

1853. Whole stamp embossed. All coloured. Ditto.

1854. Whole stamp embossed. Frame coloured. Head white. Ditto.

1856. Frame lithographed. Head embossed. Used in Sardinia and Italy.

1862. Same issue perforated. Used in United Italy.—*Stamp Collector*.

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WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

R. D. F.—When a government allows the mail matter of another government to pass through its mails, it is practical recognition of the rights of that government. However, the Carranza mail matter was not permitted to pass through without due stamps until the government recognized it. The fact that mail matter did pass through was due to laxity and ignorance on the part of postal employees.

Your suggestion is very good, but is really in line with the work I am already doing. Chile has been written up. The other South American countries will follow this winter. I have also covered the desirability of specializing, both pro and con.

M. M.—Thanks for the suggestions, some of which will be made use of, and premium will be sent you. It is not practical to publish the names of collectors desiring exchange, since the paper cannot be responsible for the losses which might result from the abuse of this practice, as you will readily see. This has been tried, and is not a success, either to collector or dealer or the paper.

T. E. D.—Sorry, but Ralph Henry Barbour is a little too high priced an author for the WEEKLY. Mr. Hill and I will have to produce any fiction needed.

E. L. K.—Your suggestions are very good, and I wish every reader would give me his honest opinion of my work, as you have done. It is not practical for the WEEKLY to exclude or limit the advertising on the back page, however, since that is a preferred position with advertisers, and it is the advertisers that help support the paper, you know. I have often tried to interest certain dealers in space next to our Boys' columns, and am really surprised that more dealers do not take advantage of this position.

Your stamp inscribed Recargo and 1898-99 is a Spanish revenue issued at the time of the war with United States. The other stamp you picture is a German local with which I am not familiar.

H. D. W.—I question the advisability of importing stamps from China, though a remittance sent to Peking or Shanghai might be taken care of satisfactorily. North Borneo being a British colony, is very safe to import stamps from, though I question the desirability of the current set, which is very plentiful cancelled to order. Labuan is now using the stamps of Straits Settlements, which can be obtained to better advantage by addressing the postmaster at Singapore instead of in Labuan. Philippine Islands being under the U. S. postal administration, is entirely safe, but the present stamps are so poorly centered that it is of little use to import them, as postmasters will seldom take the trouble to supply fine copies. It would really pay you to buy these stamps at a premium over face, and get selected copies. There are several dealers and collectors in the Islands who will be glad to take care of your wants for a nominal fee. Canal Zone is a very satisfactory country for importations, as nearly all of the postmasters are very accommodating, and will send you as fine copies as they can, (which is sometimes impossible, particularly among the big stamps in use). Newfoundland is also a good country to import stamps from, as the postmaster at St. Johns does a very nice stamp business, and I understand, has issued a circular in the past.

Hawaiian numerals are very difficult to distinguish, and should be submitted to a reputable expert. Few dealers are capable of passing on these stamps. Do not hope too much, for reprints and counterfeits of these stamps are far

commoner than the genuine. Consider it a reprint and be "disappointed" if it is genuine.

The stamp you picture appears to be a Scandinavian Express frank, of which I am ignorant. The minor variety of the envelope you picture is probably due to a defective impression or dirty plate, and has no special value.

An article on envelopes, which explains some of the problems which confront the collector, can be had from the publishers of the WEEKLY for 10c. There is little interest shown in envelopes at the present time.

Several very fine series of articles covering U. S. stamps have been printed in the past, and can be had in the form of hand-books for a few cents, and as the field has been pretty thoroughly covered quite recently, it would scarcely be wise to run a series at this time.

G. A. H.—Your 3c September, 1861, postmarked August 22, 1861, is, indeed, a very early dated cancellation for this stamp. This issue was placed on sale before the end of August, but I have no data at hand to tell me the earliest date known. The 3c August was not placed in general use, and the 3c September was one of the earliest values to be distributed, which would account for your August date. Can any of our specialist friends give us an earlier date than August 22?

SEND IN YOUR SUGGESTIONS.

Every mail is bringing in suggestions from the readers of these columns, and all suggestions that are available for use, and which do not cover a feature already worked up in the past, are being paid for with a few attractive stamps. If you have a kick or boost or idea, cash it in now. Imagine yourself the Editor of this column, and let us benefit from the way you would edit it,—and let your collection grow to the extent of a few stamps, for your trouble. Only—don't suggest that certain countries be written up, as we are already doing that work. If you can suggest an improvement in the way the countries are written up, let us have it.

Keep your eye on this back page. There are some big things in store for the readers. Most of them will not "come off" until the conclusion of the series of Dealer's articles now being run, but as many as possible will appear each week.

PRINTERS' WASTE.

J. F. V. and steen other collectors have called our attention to the hard-hearted collector mentioned in "Parimban's Daughter" in the S. E. P. From an experience we once had in exchanging with a collector in Dutch Indies, we think we know how he got his "folio of postage stamps."

Philately is coming to the front in fiction. Soon our hero will sigh, as he licks a meditative hinge and mounts his Hawaiian Missionary in its proper berth.

Or will Poor Pauline seize the stamp tongs from Rudolph's vest pocket and stab him with the spade ends?

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The *Times* comments on a local gentleman of note, who is "an ardent philatelist and stamp collector." Would that more philatelists were stamp collectors.

Cell No. 6894 is being cleaned out for Effervescent Edward who says, "Do you collect Honduras? I've Got 'em all-a"

Having been resurrected and published, the one about "if you're Hungary I'll Fiji", which is a near cousin to the celebrated Valve-handle Wheeze, has been returned to the Cannery to sleep for another twelve years. Watch for this in 1928.

NOTES ON NEW ISSUES.

Aitutaki.—The 6d King Edward stamp was issued about the end of May. There were only £150 worth printed, out of which more than £30 worth were kept for distribution to Offices in the Postal Union and other purposes, so there were less than £120 worth issued to the public, all of which were quickly sold out. These stamps were ready for issue nearly a year ago, but have been kept back until the 6d pictorial were all sold.

Honduras.—Various journals have chronicled a new stamp of 1 centavo, bearing a portrait of Dr. Francisco Bertrand, President of the Republic, and inscription at top "Recuerdo del 1º de Febrero." Our Honduras correspondent writes us that only 2,000 of these stamps were printed, that they were never issued to the public, and that he has not been able to obtain a single specimen. As the stamps do not bear the word

"Correo," we assume they were not intended for postal use.

Hyderabad.—The recently issued 12 annas stamp of the new type is already obsolete, the total issue must have been a very small one, as we never succeeded in getting enough for our New Issue Service, and our remittance has been returned.

Long Island.—This is not the well-known watering place of this name in the United States, but is a Turkish Island known by that name on Admiralty charts and is called Chustan or Keusten by the Turks, and Makronisi (Big Island) by the Greeks. It is well inside the Gulf of Smyrna, N. W., of a town called Clazomenae, marked in some maps. The stamps were issued during the occupation of the Island by the British and are very scarce, only a few having been issued. There are two distinct issues, one consisting of long Turkish fiscal stamps overprinted "G. R. I. Postage" and the value in pence, the others are made on a typewriter and are inscribed "G. R. I. Long Island, Postage & Revenue" and the value in British currency. Of the first issue there are three denominations, ½d, 1d and 2½d, of the typewritten stamps the denominations are ½d, 1d, 2½d, 6d, and 1sh.—*Whitfield King's Monthly List*.

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CHAPTER XVI.

The "Map" Stamp of 1898.

Shortly after Great Britain adopted penny postage for internal use in 1840 postal reformers began to dream of Ocean Penny Postage, and although universal penny postage is not yet an accomplished fact it is within reasonable distance of being so. A great step in this direction was made in 1898 when at an Imperial Convention on Postal Rates held in London the mother country and various colonies agreed to adopt the rate of one penny per half ounce on letters sent to or from Britain or one another. The following extract from the London Standard for July 13th shows in an interesting manner how far the movement had then progressed:—

We are authorised by the Postmaster-General to state that, as the result of the Imperial Conference on Postal Rates, it has been agreed, on the proposal of the Representative of the Dominion of Canada, that letter postage of one penny per half-ounce should be established between the United Kingdom, Canada, Newfoundland, the Cape Colony, Natal, and such of the Crown Colonies as may, after communication with, and approval of, Her Majesty's Government, be willing to adopt it. The date on which the reduction will come into effect will be announced later on. The question of a uniform reduced rate for the whole Empire was carefully considered; but it was not found possible to fix upon a rate acceptable to all the Governments concerned. A resolution was therefore adopted, leaving it to those parts of the Empire which were prepared for penny postage to make the necessary arrangements among themselves.

Since then other portions of the British Empire have fallen into line and the ties binding the English speaking peoples have been further strengthened by the adoption of penny postage between the United States and Great Britain as well as with many of her Colonies.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

Elihu Burritt, the "learned blacksmith" of New Britain, Connecticut, was one of the earliest advocates of Ocean Penny Postage and late in 1848 he issued a pamphlet setting forth his views on the subject. Exactly fifty years later Imperial Penny Postage was inaugurated though it was on a much broader and more liberal basis than Burritt had dared to hope in his fondest imaginings.

Canada, as will be noted from the preceding extract, was the leader in the movement for Imperial Penny Postage and marked the culmination of its ambitious plans by issuing a special two cents stamp. Mr. Mulock, the then Postmaster-General of the Dominion, was responsible for the idea of issuing a special stamp as well as the sponsor for its design. The new stamp was first mentioned by the Ottawa correspondent of the Outlook as follows:—

Mr. Mulock, the Postmaster-General, has chosen the new inaugurating stamp. It is in the form of a miniature map of the world distinguishing British possessions and illustrating the relative vastness of the Empire, in which Canada, of course, plays a prominent part.

In commenting on this paragraph the Philatelic Record, for December, 1898, stated "A poster stamp even of the large plaster type, which 'distinguishes British possessions and illustrates the vastness of the Empire', will indeed be a *multum in parvo*, and probably the less said the better in anticipation of the realisation of such an apparently absurd idea for a design on such a small engraving as a postage stamp needs to be."

The Ottawa Evening Journal gave further particulars about the forthcoming stamp, viz.:—

The new Imperial Penny Postage Stamp, to be used between Great Britain and a number of her colonies after Christmas Day next, has been designed by the Postmaster-General and ready to be issued. It is not to be a special issue, but will take its place among the regular issues. When Mr. Mulock was in Britain he was sur-

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The feature of the new stamp is a neatly executed map in miniature of the world, showing the British possessions as compared with all other countries. The empire is distinguished from the possessions of the other powers by being in red. Surmounting this map is a representation of the crown, underneath which is a bunch of oak and maple leaves, symbolizing the unity of the Mother Country and Canada. At the upper edge of the stamp are the words "Canada Postage" in a neat letter. Underneath the map is placed "Xmas, 1898", so that the date of the inauguration of Imperial Penny Postage shall be a matter of record. On the lower corners are the figures "2", indicating the denomination of the stamp, and at the lower edge is this suggestive passage taken from the works of one of our patriotic poets: "We hold a vaster Empire than has been." Mr. Mulock will be able to claim the credit of giving the public the cheapest map of the world ever issued. The size of the stamp is about the same as the Jubilee issue.

The printing of the new stamps began on December 1st, both the Governor-General and Postmaster-General being present while the first sheets were run off the presses. Although it was originally intended to issue the stamp on Christmas Day it was actually placed on sale quite early in the month as explained in the following extract from the WEEKLY:

Ottawa, Dec. 5th.—It having been stated in some newspapers that the new two-cent Imperial stamp would not become available until Christmas Day, inquiry made at the Post Office Department today to ascertain the truth of this statement elicits the fact that, although it was the original intention of the department that the new stamp should not come into use until the 25th inst., the demand from the public for it has become so pressing that the department has decided to issue it at once, and permit its immediate use to the extent of its face value for all postage purposes. In other words, as soon as it reaches the public it may, if preferred by the purchaser, be used instead of the ordinary two-cent stamp. The two-cent inter-Imperial rate does not, of course, come into effect until Christmas Day.

Under date of December 7th the Canadian correspondent of the *Weekly Philatelic Era* refers to the actual issue of the stamp, viz.:—

The new Imperial stamps referred to in past numbers of the *Era* were

issued this morning, and although the new Imperial rate does not come into effect until Xmas-day, and they bear that inscription, they are receivable for ordinary postage now.

The general design has already been described, but it may be well to say that the stamps are printed in three colors. The frame is in black with white letters, the seas are in a pale blue, or rather a lavender, and the British possessions are in a bright red. The map of the world is on Mercator's projection, which magnifies high latitudes; consequently the Dominion of Canada, which occupies the middle of the upper part of the stamp, looks bigger than all the other British possessions put together. The border of the stamp is of cable pattern and measures 32 mm. in width by 22½ in height. The stamp is printed on medium, machine-wove, white paper, similar to that used for the Jubilee and subsequent Canadian issues, and is perforated 12.



The design is well-known to all our readers and as it has already been extensively dissected in the above quotations, further comment is hardly necessary. The new stamps naturally caused lots of criticism on account of their somewhat bombastic legend "We hold a vaster Empire than has been". This was taken from the jubilee ode written by Sir Lewis Morris on the occasion of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, the last stanza of which reads as follows:—

We love not war, but only peace,
Yet never shall our England's power decrease!
Whoever guides our helm of state,
Let all men know it, England shall be great!
We hold a vaster empire than has been!
Nigh half the race of man is subject to our Queen!
Nigh half the wide, wide earth is ours in fee!
And where her rule comes all are free.
And therefore 'tis, O Queen, than we,
Knit fast in bonds of temperate liberty,
Rejoice today, and make our solemn jubilee!

The stamps were printed in the usual sheet arrangement of one hundred, arranged in ten horizontal rows of ten. The black portion was printed from line-engraved plates but the colored portions were, apparently, printed by lithography. Consequently, three operations were necessary before the stamps were completed and, as may readily be understood, a three color process in such a small compass made exact register a matter of difficulty. Thus on many stamps portions of the Empire are found much out of place, sometimes wandering into the sea and sometimes encroaching in an altogether too familiar manner on their neighbours. The new stamps came in for much criticism, of which the following extract from the *Monthly Journal* for January, 1899, is a fair sample:—

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beautiful colored map of the world for a penny perhaps we ought not to criticize; but we cannot think that the design is a very appropriate one for a postage stamp. The blobs of red are not always quite correctly placed; we have even heard of cases in which a little irregularity of "register" has resulted in the annexation of the greater part of the United States, while England invaded France, and the Cape of Good Hope went out to sea!

The Canadian newspapers are not quite happy about it, but that is natural, as they are to pay extra postage in future to make up any deficiency in the budget caused by the reduction in the Imperial rate; we hear that even a Ministerial organ at Ontario complains that the new stamp is too large to lick and too small for wall paper! Some people are never satisfied.

The color chosen for the sea portion of the map was lavender at first, but as this was not considered altogether appropriate it was soon afterwards changed to sea-green. In addition to these two tints it also comes in a very pronounced blue.

The line-engraved plates from which the black portion of the design was printed have four marginal imprints consisting of AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA in Roman capitals 1/2 mm. high, the whole inscription being 29 mm. long. These are placed above the third and eighth stamps of the top row and below the corresponding stamps of the bottom row. In addition a plate number, in hair-line figures about 4 mm. high, is shown above the division between the two central stamps of the top row, these figures being placed higher on the margin than the imprints. Mr. Howes tells us that plates 1, 2, 3, and 5 are known but that plate 4 does not seem to have been recorded though, presumably, it exists. All four plates are known with the lavender sea and this is known to indicate the first printings, it would appear that all the plates were at press together.

The late Mr. H. L. Ewen wrote an exhaustive article on the numerous varieties of this stamp but as most of these were simply due to errors of register their philatelic importance is slight. One variety, however, which is constant is worthy of note. In this two small dots representing two islands in mid-pacific are shown side by side instead of one above the other as on the normal stamps. Mr. Ewen also referred to a slight retouching of one of the plates, viz. —

Readers will have noted that the stamps are each surrounded by what appears to be a rope. On the sheet of plate 3 before us, the outer edge of this rope on the stamps at the end of each row (right hand side of each sheet) has worn away and has been replaced by a straight line engraved on the plate, except on stamp No. 80, which still shows the very defective nature of the rope.



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Mr. Howes states that the stamp, with all three colors for the sea, is known imperforate.

How many were issued is not known for certain as these Imperial stamps were reckoned together with the ordinary 2c in the postal accounts but according to the *London Philatelist* the total issue was about sixteen millions. In concluding this chapter we have only to add that the cost of manufacturing the stamps, on account of the three processes necessary, was the relatively high one of 45 cents per thousand.

Reference List.

Xmas, 1898. Engraved and Printed by the American Bank Note Co., Ottawa. Unwatermarked. Perf. 12.

- 68. 2c black, lavender and red, Scott's No. 82.
- 69. 2c black, green and red.
- 70. 2c black, blue and red, Scott's No. 83.

(To be continued.)

FINAL A. P. S. SESSIONS AT BOSTON.

The business done at the A. P. S. convention may be summarized as follows:

Sessional committee chairmen: By-Laws, H. N. Mudge; Finance, Alvin Good; Library, C. W. Kissinger; Sales Dept., H. E. Deats; Branch Societies, Fred Michael; Resolutions, A. W. Batchelder, and Next Convention, Willard O. Wylie.

Chester Myers of St. Louis offered a prize of \$10 for best essay on "How can the A. P. S. be made more useful to its members and to American Philately?" The offer was accepted and due announcement of conditions will be made.

A permanent publicity committee was voted to consist of three New York members appointed by the president.

The matter of incorporating the A. P. S. was again threshed over and a committee ordered appointed to father the project.

The By-Laws were amended in several places to perfect an application for second class rates for the *American Philatelist* at Washington.

It was voted that the National Collection at Washington be continued with a curator permanently in care of the same.

An appropriation of \$100 was made for the library and \$50 for the Index Committee.

Mr. Ault was given a vote of thanks for his splendid service as Secretary.

Selection of next convention seat was left to the Board of Vice Presidents and Secretary and Treasurer. No invitation had been received from any stamp collecting centre and Alexandria Bay, N. Y., will no doubt be chosen unless a formal invitation from some city be sent in soon.

While the committee on reception is entitled to great credit for its splendid work in entertaining this convention, special credit is due Messrs. Carpenter and Batchelder. Mr. Carpenter was chairman of the committee. Mr. Batchelder was the fund raiser in which capacity he proved his worth. These two members planned the automobile trip and secured the machines. We refer to this feature elsewhere.

There were enough proxies present to have a legal vote but—there was not much of a margin for a contested matter.

Secretary Davis should make an efficient official. He understands the job and his election was due no doubt to the familiarity of the membership with his name and ability.

As usual by Mr. Stone: "I move that we adjourn *sine die*." There were votes in the negative.

DEATH OF GEORGE L. TOPPAN.

A true philatelist has passed on!

George L. Toppan active in all branches of philatelic endeavor died in Boston, Saturday, Aug. 26, at 11.30 P. M., after an illness of more than a year's duration.

After some years in commercial lines, Mr. Toppan who had developed a keen interest in stamp collecting entered the employ of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. and subsequently was with H. F. Colman in Washington.

His literary monument is the Revenue Book of the Boston Philatelic Society written in collaboration with Messrs. Deats and Holland. He also wrote a Canal Zone list and contributed considerable to the literature of our hobby.

Mr. Toppan served as secretary of the B. P. S. also on the board of vice presidents of the A. P. S. and two years as president. He was a man of great executive ability and added strength to every movement with which he was identified. He was independent in thought and speech but always courteous and considerate.

Mr. Toppan specialized in U. S., Canal Zone and the D. W. I. and upon these stamps he was an acknowledged authority.

A melancholy interest attaches itself to Mr. Toppan's death during A. P. S. convention week and the fact that greetings were exchanged. A large circle of friends will join with us in this memorial word.

The funeral ceremonies were held Tuesday, August 29, at Forest Hills Cemetery.

BANQUET AT WASHINGTON.

Perhaps the most enjoyable social feature of the convention of the Southern Philatelic Association at Washington was the complimentary banquet tendered the visiting delegates at the Hotel Raleigh on the evening of August 16th, 1916. We believe that without exception all the out-of-town members partook of the hospitality of the Washington hosts; and, of course, the capital was well represented. The menu was a well-selected one and after it had been disposed of, Mr. Albert E. Gorham, president of Branch 5, Washington, as toast-master introduced President Kissinger, Southern Philatelic Association, who responded with a rousing acknowledgment of courtesies received and he pledged the members to greater activity than ever before on behalf of the national body. Then, speaker after speaker was introduced and each acquitted himself (or herself) creditably. One of the newspapers said the day after that "wit and humor marked the informal addresses at the banquet" and though it was almost a half hour after midnight when the festivities were brought to a close, the interest was maintained to the last.

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EDITORIAL.

Closed—The successful convention of the American Philatelic Society at Boston brings the convention season to a happy climax. The oldest national organization in the country, as usual, has held a meeting that was not without impressiveness to the philatelist and public alike. Naturally, Boston fulfilled the requirement of large attendance for an interesting convention, as it is the center of a country that is very populous, philatelically. Further, the attractive program for the entertainment of visitors was instrumental in swelling the attendance, no doubt. We shall not trespass upon the preserves of our managing editor who was the WEEKLY's correspondent on the spot and indulge in pot shots, lest we spoil his story of the annual meeting. It is Boston's custom to ask for the convention of the American Philatelic Society every ten years and we say that Boston may now rest on its laurels for another decade.

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Continued—We shall resume our comments on the Southern Philatelic Association at work and play at its recent convention in Washington, which were closed abruptly last week by space limitations. During the deliberations, several interesting subjects were proposed which having been viewed from different angles were submitted to committees for report later. The question of federal charter provoked a debate that disclosed a division of opinion although the desirability of qualifying for preferment of the kind was opposed only on the score of the necessity of a change in name of the Southern Philatelic Association. Mr. Frank H. Burt made a proposal that a life membership be established and furnished a tentative tabulation of ages and fees. The tendency latterly of different organizations to popularize the life membership class was recognized by the convention and a report upon the advisability of adopting the plan will be made by a special committee. There was no fight made on the choice of Minneapolis as the seat of the next convention and only for the briefest instant did a few of the conservative eastern members hesitate about choosing Minneapolis; and all vestiges of opposition were removed when the tacit understanding at Reading last year that Minneapolis would be given the

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honor in 1917 was recalled. The west was entitled to consideration and a wise choice has been made.

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Mention—The publicity given the Southern Philatelic Association convention by the Washington papers was liberal and well-sustained. While the reportorial demand for stamp "stories" was lacking, the interests of the hobby were the better served by orderly accounts of the business proceedings of the convention than by the recital of wild, imaginative tales. However, the word philatelist does not denote a prehistoric monster or a rare bird in the mind of the Washington editor; and the reporter who essays a trip to a stamp collectors' convention does not think that he is sailing an uncharted sea. One of the reasons for a stamp convention in our opinion is the resultant publicity that is given in the newspaper press of the convention seat; and this in connection with the stimulus that is given philately in the community in question, while intangible in some respects, is yet a material asset to philately.

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Asides—The visits of the delegates to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and to President Wilson at the White House have been referred to; and, as may be imagined, the trip through the National Museum with the U. S. government collection of postage stamps as the objective exhibit was fraught with importance in the philatelic mind. This national collection is one in which all American philatelists feel a pride and it is fitting that they regard it jealously and almost with an air of proprietorship. We have been given to understand that legislative action will be taken in due time to regulate and systematize the growth of the collection. As it is, the collection well repays study and scrutiny and all visitors with philatelic inclinations to the capital should show their respect to philately by visiting the government collection.

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Social—The Washington hosts to the members of the Southern Philatelic Association were untiring in their efforts to make the visitors feel at home; and it is needless to say that they succeeded. There were the banquet, the trip to Mt. Vernon and the visits to the White House and other buildings, but as well, the entertainers were usually on hand to furnish auto trips to interesting sections which are so numerous around Washington.

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Advertising—We have had it in mind for some time to speak approvingly of the philatelic enthusiasm of Mr. Alfred D. Guion of the advertising department of *St. Nicholas Magazine*, the monthly

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THE STAMP DEALER AND HIS STOCK.

By BILL BLOSS.

(If you are desirous of engaging in the stamp business we urge you to read carefully this article by Mr. Bloss. Any questions that may be sent in will be given every consideration and we shall expect numerous letters of inquiry.—Ed.)

CHAPTER IV.—High Class Approvals.

In many ways, the high class trade is handled the same as the cheap class. Essentially the same methods and forms should be employed. These were discussed in detail in the previous chapter. In dealing with boy trade, it is the volume of sales that brings the profit. In the high class trade, the profits are based on the individual sale. As far as stock and preparation are concerned, high class approvals differ materially from low priced ones. In the low priced series, an inexperienced clerk can easily mount a series without error, but in preparing large selections of fine stamps, more or less knowledge of stamps is required. Where it is possible to mount a hundred selections of a kind of cheap stamps, it is possible to mount only a limited number of high priced ones.

Personality Is a Fundamental

requirement in handling high class trade. The same would apply to the cheap trade but for the fact that the cost of individual attention is prohibitive, where the volume of business is so great. Let us suppose that the dealer has quite a large stock, consisting of possibly fifteen thousand varieties, and from ten to fifty of a kind of many of the cheaper stamps. A great many collectors are satisfied with a general selection of miscellaneous stamps, or by countries, and do not require as complete a lot as the specialists. For these collectors, the dealer should prepare a series from his surplus stock, making possibly ten or twenty books of a kind, and using only stamps of which he has quite a line. In this way, it is possible to price the entire lot of books by cataloguing one, also spaces can be readily filled without retiring the books from circulation as stamps are sold. Much time and trouble are saved in this way. Many collectors of single countries, or heavy buyers, require large selections by countries. It is well to make up these books to fill the wants of the buyer. This gives him an opportunity to use his personality in supplying the wants of his customers. From

An Advertising Point of View,

the dealer who can furnish a good line of books by countries, and who features them in some unique manner, has a splendid means of attracting trade. It is possible to secure an "individual" approval book for practically the same price as the usual stock books so generally used by dealers; Messrs. Poole, Brown, and Gibbons, among others, have their own style of books. No matter how nice the stamps are, if the book is crude, or the stamps are mounted in a slovenly fashion, the final result will lack many of the fine touches so important in making sales. My own book is made up from pale blue stock, unruled, with a darker blue cover, is size 3½ by 6 inches, and is of the type known as vertical. The stamps are mounted in four rows of three stamps each. As there is no ruling on the pages, I can mount blocks or large stamps without spoiling the appearance of the page, and can also note any data I see fit. I prefer the vertical type for the reason that the book may be held and inspected without the pages sagging.

A first class selection of a country should include every variety, or as many as possible, both unused and used; also

minor varieties, pairs, strips, blocks, or oddities. The stamps should be numbered and catalogued, and any descriptive matter noted. Needless to say, any

Damaged Goods Should Be Excluded,

or in the case of great rarities, such defects should be noted, also reprints and counterfeits should be sold as such. These latter may be included in selections by countries as many collectors like to buy them for reference. When they are sold, however, no misunderstanding as to their nature should be permitted. Remember, that practically every collector who would care for a first class selection of this nature is a "condition crank". Therefore, make your books by countries your very best selections, and give them the pick of your stock. If necessary, charge a little more for the stamps. Bear in mind that neatness in mounting will act largely in selling your stamps; so use the utmost care in making up the selections. Put yourself back of every book. If a stamp is especially scarce, note the fact. Let the buyer of these books know that you appreciate his business and that you are giving him the very cream of your stock. Sell him what he wants, not what you want him to have, if you would satisfy him.

When a New Customer

applies for advanced selections, it is a good plan to send him a card for information with the first selection. This card should contain the following questions, or those of a similar nature: Do you collect 19th Century? 20th? Used? Unused? Both? Pairs, strips, blocks? Minor varieties? Perforation and watermark varieties? Paper varieties? Shades? How large is your collection? Do you collect all countries? If not, what? What country do you prefer? With the above information, the dealer can easily base his selections on the wants of the collector. Probably a good portion of the approval business is lost because the dealer fails to connect the right stamps with the right buyer. If your man collects United States only, why send him a lot of Russians or Chinese? If he wants unused, don't waste your time making him want used. He knows what he wants and will go somewhere else to get it if you can't supply him. If he asks for U. S. and you can't supply them, tell him what you have in Africans, but don't send them.

Service Is the Key-Note of Success.

The better the service rendered, the more satisfied the client. The more satisfied the client, the better buyer he becomes. All because of service. If your customer sends you a want list and you can't fill it, why not send to some other dealer who can, and supply the stamps at cost, rather than see your customer go to the dealer who can fill his wants. Furthermore, it is possible to make arrangements with some of the large dealers to fill any lists submitted at "trade-discounts" so a little profit can usually be made. A satisfied customer is the best advertising medium a dealer can have. A prominent local dealer says, "I use the WEEKLY to get the business and my own service to keep it." That man knows how to play the game, and he is on the winning side—a long way ahead of another dealer who says, "If you don't like my stuff, go somewhere else."

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The trip along the North Shore was particularly interesting and thanks to E. M. Carpenter and A. W. Batchelder the arrangements were letter perfect. The party left Boston at 1.40 P. M. Thursday and machines were taken at Salem for a sight-seeing tour through that City, Beverly, Wenham, Hamilton, Essex, Manchester and return to Beverly and Salem where at the Willows a fish dinner was served. It was a fish dinner such as many of the delegates had never before partaken of.

Mention should be made of the delightful hospitality shown by W. D. Pickman at his Beverly residence. His splendid grounds were thrown open to the visiting philatelists, refreshments were served and the personal word of greeting by Mr. Pickman was a hearty one. Facing the residence was old ocean in all its beauty and the occasion will be one long to be remembered. It was late in the evening when the party reached Boston on its return from the trip northwards.

WHERE PROVISIONALS THRIVE.

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FIG. 1



FIG. 2



FIG. 3



FIG. 4



FIG. 5



FIG. 6



FIG. 7



FIG. 8



FIG. 9



FIG. 10

CANCELLATION DESIGNS.

By DR. HENRY G. HOLCH.

(We publish this article not because the author desires it published, or because of any literary merit. We publish it because of the touch of human interest it displays in a by-path of philatelic endeavor. It comes to our office as does many another letter but this field of "Cancellation Designs" has been little cultivated from a publicity standpoint.—Ed.)

Like most philatelists, I collected stamps as a boy without any regard for anything along the lines of specialism. My principal desire was to accumulate as many different stamps as possible to show my boy friends. This collection of stamps was disposed of about 25 years ago to a boy for what I considered a good sum. After that my interest in stamps diminished rapidly to zero, until in 1913 I chanced to see in the New York papers about a wonderful exhibition of stamps to be held October 12th. My old interest was stirred, and I made two visits to this exhibition to see how stamps were being collected by the big fellows. The old feeling came stealing over me again with a rush, and I made a new start in the stamp collecting world. My next thought was—"What shall I collect, and how?"

On leaving the exhibition, I chanced to see a table on which were some stamp journals. I saw one with the head of Washington on the cover, which proved to be MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS. On looking over the various articles, I discovered one by Chas. E. Jenney—"Green Fields—3c 1872-80." This article appealed to me as being along a line which would be very interesting and as I supposed rather exclusive.

by the French, has produced some provisionals, and now we have the extraordinary British issues for "Long Island."

G. R. I.
LONG ISLAND
Postage and
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The New "Long Island."—It will not, of course, cause a breach between this country and the United States that the British should have occupied and administered this "Long Island," for this one happens to be a few thousand miles from Brooklyn. There have been reports of this issue of stamps in London for some time past, but they have been received with some skepticism.

Typewritten Stamps.—The Long Island stamps owe their production to the typewriter, and an operator who was none too efficient at his job, if one may judge from the quality of the work.

I immediately wrote Mr. Jenney and received a long and interesting letter on the subject and a number of approval stamps for my start. It did not take me long to look around for some of these 3c green. By good luck I found a printer who had two envelope boxes full, and I was able to buy them for one dollar. They afterward proved to be the re-engraved stamp of the '80's. I had about fifteen thousand stamps to make my start from, and I managed to find quite a number of cancellation designs. I have also found that we have a great many collectors of this special line.

I collect any curiously cancelled stamp on the cheaper and early issues of U. S., such as serial numbers or letter in all the various colored inks used in the early days for cancellation purposes. I find that with few exceptions the cancellations, say from 1855 or '60, were mostly designs or devices conceived according to the fancy of the postmaster or his clerk. They range from the ordinary daub or pen cancellation to the most intricate and fanciful design that can be conceived.

With few exceptions, they have no indications of having any definite meaning. In large cities like New York, where they had a number of sub-stations, each one had a letter or number to indicate the receiving station. Among these serial designs may be found some of the designs reproduced herewith, as well as some of the curiously designed cancellations. Figures 1 to 6

are designs that have been used in series at various postal stations or offices in larger cities, and the collector can get a very fair idea what to look for when starting in these particular fields of collecting. These all appear on the 3c green of the period from 1872 to 1880.

Fig. 1 I have as high as No. 11. Fig. 2 shows three and four rings around the number. I have it as high as 12, while in the four rings only to 9. Fig. 3 is found both with colorless letter and numbers in the center. My numerals run as high as 20. The letters naturally run the entire series to Z. Fig. 4 I have up to 18, while Fig. 5 runs to 20. In the 2c vermilion (Jackson), I have this stamp as high as 22; this design also appears with colorless letters. Fig. 6, which is quite recent, appears both vertically and horizontally barred with letter or number. The vertically barred numbers, I find as high as 12, while the horizontally barred numbers as high as 89 on the 3c green. On the 2c brown of 1883, I have it to 48.

The last four designs are rather odd, especially the Liberty bell in a blue ink, and the anchor in black. I also have a number of other designs, more common, especially stars, of which I have twenty different varieties, also rings and U. S. monograms. I have a friend whom I interested in this style of collecting and he has just shown me a 3c green with the word "Free" on it in an oval. We are puzzling over it. Could it possibly have been used as a frank by some government official?

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Want to buy a good stamp collection. H. A. WHIPPLE, Omaha, Nebr. [tf]

Net Approvals—The prices will please you. Refs. necessary. Get my Bargain list No. 8. E. MOSELEY, Bloomfield, Mo. [tf]

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C. A. Brewster, 1432 Belt, St. Louis, Mo. [tf]

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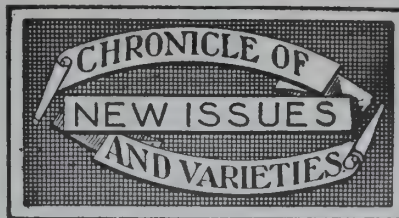
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100 Varieties U. S. stamps mounted in book 27c. P. E. Strickland, Galesburg, Ill. [44]

*French Guinea, '12 Surc. on '92, 7 var., .60
*French Guinea, '12 Surc. on '04, 8 var., .45
*Reunion, 1912, Sur. on 1892, 8 var., .65
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

AITUTAKI.—The Australian Philatelist reports that towards the end of May last the New Zealand King Edward 6d deep carmine appeared with this island overprint in blue. Apparently only about £100 worth was available for the public, and the stock was at once bought out by the few who alone were aware of the fact at the time. At present it is not known if any further printing will be made, or if any of the small printing was sent to the island. If not, the status of this stamp is seriously compromised. It is rumoured the new issue will be of King George design.

BRUNEL.—The 5c value in the current native village type has been seen in a new color.

Adhesive.

5c orange.

CANADA.—Mrs. Oughtred has been officially informed that 50,000 stamps perforated 12x8, as recently noted, were supplied to the Montreal postoffice. Evidently 500 sheets of stamps prepared for use in coils and perforated 8 vertically were later perforated 12 horizontally and sold in sheets. It is suggested that this may foreshadow the retirement of coil stamps in the Dominion.

ITALY.—Offices in Albania.—The current 10c and 15c stamps of Italy have been overprinted "Valona" and new value for use at the Italian offices in Albania, the former in black and the 15c in violet.

Provisional Adhesives.

20 para on 10c rose.
30 para on 15c slate.

NEW ZEALAND.—William L. Aldrich & Co. report having seen the 1½d, 3d, and 6d King George and 8d King Edward stamps, overprinted "Official" for official use. The 8d was overprinted in scarlet. Ewen's Weekly reports that the 3d and 6d King George stamps have been printed on large pictorial paper, of the very thin make. The stamps are printed on the paper sideways, and are perforated 14. This results in three watermark varieties—no watermark, watermark sideways, and watermarked sideways between vertical stamps, the latter showing the watermark divided in pair. The official 1½d noted above is the typographed stamp. The 5d and 8d King Edward have recently been seen perforated both 14x13½ and 14x14½.

Official Adhesives.

1½d deep slate.
3d brown.
6d carmine.

NORTH BORNEO.—Three new provisionals are noted from this Colony, overprinted in black on the first and in lake on the others. E. W. Fuss sends the following statistics regarding this Provisional issue: 2c on 3c, 11,500 issued, 9,220 sold, 2,280 returned; 4c on 6c, 10,000 issued, 8,345 sold, 1,655 returned; 10c on 12c, 11,500 issued, 5,135 sold, 6,365 returned.

Provisional Adhesives.

2c on 3c rose lake and black.
4c on 6c olive green and black.
10c on 12c deep blue and black.

Want for cash (or exchange) dealer's stock, collections and wholesale lots, especially sets. Hobby Club, Winnipeg, Canada. [42]

200 Argentine 1912-14, 50c black, .05
201 Argentine 1912-14, 1 peso, .10
74 Chile 1905-9, 15c vio. & blk., .03
76 Chile 1905-9, 30c green & blk., .03
79 Chile 1910, 5c on 12, .04
80 Chile 1910, 10c on 1 peso, .05
Geo. T. Simpson, 433 Pearl St., Buffalo, N.Y. *

50c China No. 130, 7c. Turkey 10pi 1908, 8c. A. W. REUM, 1291 Stanyan, San Franc. [tf]

Advertising Chat

September is here and with it comes the greatest stamp season we have known. It is none too early for you to get busy and compel patronage.

Just bear in mind that the collector wants stamp bargains and he will find your offers quick enough if prices are right. A small advt. packed with bargain offers will get business.

Alfred Lechner has opened an office at 83 Nassau St., N. Y. City and will be a "regular" hereafter. Mr. Lechner has advertised with us occasionally and we trust he will get his share of the business.

We welcome the Federal Stamp Co., Astoria, Ore., to our columns. We have solicited the business of this firm for several months and feel assured that our readers will have complete satisfaction in all their dealings.

The Stamp Shop, Chicago, has left adlets and taken displayed space. E. Moseley writes us that he intends to do the same thing soon.

Let the good work continue.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

DANISH WEST INDIES

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—No news has been received from Edward Michael, Chicago, whose unfortunate business experience was reviewed some weeks ago, and who left the city at the time of the disclosure. Mr. R. Thomas has leased the ground floor quarters on Dearborn Street, formerly occupied by Edward Michael, where he will continue his stamp and coin business, which has been transferred from LaSalle Street.

—At the 12th convention of the M. P. A. held in Boston Aug. 22-23, five out of seven directors were chosen from the collectors' ticket. There was no entertainment, as all members were also attending the A. P. S. Resolutions of thanks for services were extended A. Everly Carpenter of N. Y., exchange manager, and L. G. Snow, publicity manager. Victor W. Rotnem of Mabel, Minn., was recommended for Sales Manager. C. W. Kissinger was proposed for membership in the Boston branch.

—Arthur Barger writing from Attica, Kans., asks correspondents to be a bit patient with him as regards letters not yet answered.

—Canada's new three-cent stamp will be issued in the immediate future, according to private advices received from the department at Ottawa. The design will be exactly similar to the current stamps and the color will be a royal purple. A shortage of purple dye is said to have held up the issue for some weeks.

—"Canon City, Colo., is precanceling with a kind of type that resembles an ordinary cancellation so closely the average collector would overlook it. I have just discovered a number of the 50c denomination that I had passed up many times as ordinary cancellations." —RALPH L. KING.

—F. S. Cook exhibited at Boston during convention week a very interesting feature. It consisted of Lyons' "Natural History on Postage Stamps," with all the illustrations covered by the stamps pictured. The colors of the stamps added tremendously to the beauty of the book.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Lewis Bealer, Rev. C. B. B. Wright, H. W. Boers, Jas. D. Havens, O. Kendall.

—The several philatelic societies represented by members in and around San Francisco are to have a "General Get-Together Evening" on Sept. 15. There will be an *al fresco* dinner, stamp bourse, and good fellowship generally. Write Chas. W. Arr, 2233 Larkin St., San Fran., for particulars.

A STORY OF THE POSTAGE STAMP.

By Director JOSEPH E. RALPH.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing prints all the securities of the United States Government, which embraces checks, drafts, bonds, paper money, revenue, customs, parcel post and postage stamps, and certificates of deposit for the Post Office Department.

It has been our constant endeavor not only to safeguard our stamps and circumvent their counterfeiting, but to make them really artistic. When you comprehend the small space allowed for artistic embellishment, you necessarily must marvel at the results we obtain.

In our great factory each day forty million postage stamps are manufactured, counted and put up in packages ready for shipment to the 60,000 post offices throughout the United States. This daily output would cover approximately eight acres of land if laid out flat, or make a chain of stamps 703 miles when laid end to end.

I do not believe one could go far wrong in asserting that the prosperity of a country and the standard of the intelligence of its citizens may be gauged by the consumption of its postage stamps. As an illustration of this statement, an idea of the business growth of the United States may be gleaned from the fact that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing delivered 11,289,000,000 perfect postage stamps during the fiscal year 1915, representing a face value of approximately \$221,875,000.

The engraving division is the cornerstone of the Bureau and the bulwark of our securities. In this division every form of security has its origin, and the most artistic and skilled engravers that the world produces are employed here.

Steel engraving is the perfection of art as applied to securities; it differs from painting and sculpturing, inasmuch as the engraver who carves his work on steel plates must deliberately study the effect of each infinitesimal line. Free hand, with a diamond-pointed tool, known as a graver, aided by a powerful magnifying glass, he carves away, conscious that one false cut or slip of his tool or miscalculation of depth or width of line will destroy the artistic merit of his creation, and weeks or months of labor will have been in vain. In no other form of printing can the beautiful, soft, and yet strong effects in black and white, be obtained as in steel engraving. The introduction of cheap mechanical process work has superseded the beautiful creations of our master engraver commercially, and now we find the art limited to the engraving of securities as applied in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The work in this division is classified and divided so that the engravers become specially skilled in some particular branch of the art. For instance, they are classified as portrait, script, square letter, and ornamental engravers. Each is confined to his own specialty, and thus becomes unusually expert, the result being that not only better work is secured, but a greater amount is turned out in a given time, and what is of greater importance, increased security is obtained. The individual excellencies and characteristics of a number of men are impressed upon every stamp issued. Therefore, it would be as difficult for one engraver to make a perfect reproduction of a Government plate as it would be for the reader to reproduce an absolute facsimile of his or her own signature, and, strange as it may seem, no one has yet accomplished this feat.

To the credit of the engravers and employees of this division, it should be stated that in the history of the Bureau none of its employees has ever engaged in counterfeiting.

When it is determined to issue a new stamp, the matter is discussed by the officials having in charge the several branches of the service involved, and the conclusions reached are embodied in a model made by a trained designer, which is submitted for the criticisms of the officers who discussed

the matter in the first place. The model is then modified in accordance with the criticisms, and is finally approved by the Postmaster General.

The approved design is placed in the hands of the engravers who cut it upon a small piece of annealed steel. After the approval of a proof of this engraving, the piece of steel is heated red hot in cyanide of potassium and hardened by suddenly dipping it into oil and water. This single engraved subject is duplicated 400 times upon the larger plates that the stamps are printed from by means of the transfer process.

This is a method of reproducing engraving devised many years ago by Jacob Perkins, an inventive American, who may be considered the father of the present method of duplicating bank notes and stamp plates. It consists of making a reversed duplicate or mold of the original engraving by rolling a soft, annealed steel roll upon it in the transfer press. Being accurately guided and held by the mechanism of this press, continued rolling under high pressure forces the soft steel of the roll into the engraved lines of the original design, and forms an exact counterpart, in relief, of it. This roll, being hardened, is used to duplicate the engraving by the same process, upon a soft steel plate, which it will do a great number of times before wearing out, reserving the original engraving, or die as it is called, for making additional rolls. The original engraving is never printed from except to make what are known as die-proofs.

The paper required for the manufacture of the postage stamps for the fiscal year 1915 amounted to 1,200,000 pounds, and to make this paper 3,500 spruce trees were ground to a pulp. These trees are cut on the mountains of western North Carolina, and covered an area of sixty acres. Had the trees been converted into lumber, over fifty well appointed bungalows could have been built, and the paper itself would make an edition of over 3,500,000 twenty-page seven column newspaper.

About 500 men are engaged in the pulp mills in which the pulp is made in North Carolina, and the same number is employed in the paper mills at Hamilton, Ohio, in which the finished paper is produced. Six hundred men and women find employment in the Bureau in the manufacture of the stamps, so you will see that a small sized army is daily engaged in getting them ready for the consumer.

You delight in and require your specimens to have equally perforated margins of blank paper—as you term it, to be perfectly centered—and wonder why all of our stamps are not so perfect. If you could follow the spruce log from the time it is cut from the mountain side to its final appearance in the finished product, you would marvel that we get the results as good as we do.

The paper, being printed wet, contracts on drying, and the mathematically correct layout of the engraved plate bears only an approximate relation to the dried printed sheet. The paper we print to-day will vary in shrinkage from that we print to-morrow. As the physical properties of the tree govern the expansion and contraction of the paper made therefrom, no two sheets are exactly the same size. The actual difference in size of the individual stamp is too minute to be readily discernible, but becomes a serious factor when the row is twenty stamps long as we now print the sheets.

But that is not all. To smooth the paper for the operation of gumming, it is subjected to 500 tons pressure in a hydraulic press, and if very dry, it stretches but little, but if the day is damp and humid, it stretches perceptibly. The contraction of the gum itself is a factor, and the atmospheric conditions still another. Our perforating machines have not human intelligence, and they blindly perforate the sheets alike until their adjustment is changed. Therefore, the best we can do is to average the adjustment and it is only by chance that all the perforations are exactly central. Of course, you will understand that typo-

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graphic printing, being done on dry paper, eliminates many of these problems, and no great feat is performed in perfectly centering a dry printed stamp.

The amount of ink required for printing the stamps for the fiscal year 1915 was 670,000 pounds.

The present method of printing stamps is accomplished upon what is known as the "four plate power press." Four plates are used in order that the operations of inking, wiping, polishing, and taking the impressions may be done simultaneously. This press requires the service of a printer to polish the plates, one girl to lay the sheet in position and another girl to take it off after printing.

After each two hundred sheets are printed, they are counted and dried. To secure a flat surface for subsequent operations, they are pressed in a hydraulic press.

They are next gummed by passing beneath a glass roller which is bathed in a solution of dextrine (which forms the gum), and the sheets are then carried by grippers through a drying chamber in which the gum is dried in less than thirty seconds. Just before leaving the gumming machine the sheets are carried through a device that breaks the gum into innumerable cracks and materially prevents subsequent curling.

The printed and gummed sheets of 400 stamps are now fed through a rotary perforator that perforates the stamps in one direction and cuts the sheets in half. Another perforator of the same construction perforates the stamps crosswise and makes another cut, thereby quartering the original sheets.

After a close and rigid inspection, these sheets are counted and made into packages for final packing for shipment to the post offices.

The gum on the back of the stamps is made by scientifically roasting the highest grade of tapioca starch such as is used for making pudding, and as 517,000 pounds were used in the fiscal year 1915, all of the inhabitants of New York City would have been given their fill of tapioca pudding for one meal with the material used.

The sheets of 100 stamps each as sent to the post offices during the fiscal year 1915, piled one upon each other, would make a shaft over six miles high, and placed end to end would make a strip over 16,000 miles long; and as there are ten rows of stamps on each sheet, a strip of single stamps would be more than 160,000 miles long, enough to girdle the earth six times with something over.

Just a few words of a technical nature relative to the inks used in the printing of postage stamps. Before I became Director of the Bureau, colors for making the inks for printing stamps and other securities were selected by comparison with a standard for match in hue and color strength, no attention being paid to their permanency. The natural result was colors that were notorious for fading. At that time little was known of any systematic method of testing for permanency, and when I undertook to secure standards that were permanent, I had to devise methods.

(To be continued.)

CARUSO GRIEVES FOR HIS STAMPS.

Tenor's Trunks Robbed and His Famous Collection Stolen.

(Supplementing last week's news item.)

Somewhere between New York and Naples three trunks belonging to Enrico Caruso were broken open and robbed and the famous stamp collection of the tenor was abstracted, as was learned by a letter which arrived here this week bidding several of his friends here upset express companies, steamship lines and the Customs House, but find those stamps! Several suits of clothes, some curios and souvenirs of value, and other things were also taken, but the tenor has no tears for them, only for his stamps.

His collection was a valuable one, and every time an article was written on collectors Caruso got a place alongside other prominent stamp savers. He took great pride in it. It represented his years of travel in many lands, and many of its items were given him by kings and queens and other noted personages. His references to its loss, his friends say, are really pathetic.

No one knows just what happened. Apparently Caruso had just arrived at his native city of Naples and, on sending for the trunks shipped there from New York when he left, found them broken open and the articles missing. They may have been stolen here, on shipboard, or in Italy, and the singer urges his friends to put forth all their efforts to find out whether the trunks were robbed here and, if so, to recover the stamps.

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THICK-PAPER VARIETIES OF U. S. REVENUES.

By CHAS. S. THOMPSON.

Any issue of stamps which is used for a long period of time is certain to vary considerably in shade or tint, but this is entirely unavoidable, as no printer can foresee just how much ink he may require to carry out a program which is, of necessity, indefinite.

The same is true, though not to the same extent, of his paper supply. But paper may be ordered many times, and if its weight is specified, it should vary within exceedingly narrow limits. Consequently, when one meets with a specimen of the first issue of United States revenues on a paper that more nearly resembles Bristol board than any ordinary paper, he is apt to be more or less convinced that something unusual, to put it mildly, has happened.

Mr. Toppan, in his book on U. S. Revenues, lists about twenty varieties of these thick-paper stamps, but he does not state when they were issued, nor does he particularize as to their origin, or scarcity. The writer has sought these uncatalogued stamps assiduously during the past three years, with but indifferent success. They are apparently, except in one instance, of the greatest rarity, possibly for reasons which will be stated later. It has been possible to add several varieties to Mr. Toppan's list, and it is equally possible that others may turn up. The difficulty of getting any really adequate supply of specimens would seem to preclude the possibility of any rapid advance in the number, and it may well be that the list herewith is practically complete.

An examination of this paper shows it to be exceedingly hard, tough, and dense, in some cases slightly more loose in texture than others, but readily recognizable as thick paper by touch alone, as it is two-and-one-half times as thick as the ordinary paper, as measured by a micrometer. Some specimens show traces of brownish material, which appears to be straw or some similar fibre, but the material in all cases seems to have been hot-pressed, and consequently is smooth surfaced, and hard.

The stamps printed upon it show very distinct shades from those issued earlier,

and it is possible to recognize some of these in this manner, without investigation of the paper. In every case where I have been able to obtain these in cancelled, dated condition, the date has been not earlier than November, 1869, and in the majority of cases has been 1870, or early in 1871. As the Second Issue appeared in 1871, this would indicate that a supply of this unusually thick paper was obtained late in 1869, and was used for about a year, while experimentation with the chameleon paper for the second issue was being carried out.

This being the case, it is easy to understand why these thick-paper varieties are rare. The ordinary paper was used for seven or eight years, the thick paper for only one; furthermore, large stocks of most values and denominations having been printed on the ordinary paper, it was necessary to print certain varieties only on the supply of thick paper which had been obtained to eke out the supply, while the second issue was being prepared.

The following list contains all the values and subjects, arranged by title, which I have been able to examine, or obtain, and gives the tint (shade is quite inaccurate in speaking of these colors which have no black in them) of each variety.

Agreement, 5c, brownish lake.

Certificate, 5c, pale rose pink. Mr. Toppan says it occurs in dull and bright red, also.

10c, blue. Not seen in the dull or dark blues.

25c, dull red. Not seen in the other shades.

Charter Party, \$3. Occurs in both light and dark greens, but I have not seen it in the pale, apple-green tint, which is very likely much earlier than 1869.

Conveyance, 50c dull blue.

50c ultramarine.

\$2 brilliant orange-vermilion. A number of these all have cancellations dated 1870.

\$5 orange red, of a tint absolutely different from the usual color.

Entry of Goods, 25c dull red.

50c dark blue.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

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In connection with this article, it might perhaps, be well to state that the color known as "blue-green", and which is often ascribed to stamps, is one that is exceedingly seldom seen. This color is peculiar to robins' eggs, the fresh-laid egg of that bird being, practically, pure blue-green. Consequently, the term as applied to stamps is, in the majority of cases, absolutely erroneous, and dark green only is meant.

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COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor:—
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We might also be tempted to say that it is those stamp dealers who were wise in their selection of advertising media twenty years ago who are in business today.

I just could not help writing you this, because I am not at all sure that your reader's opinion will stand the "acid test".

Sincerely yours,

ALFRED D. GUION,

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A STORY OF THE POSTAGE STAMP.

By Director JOSEPH E. RALPH.

(Continued.)

The deterioration of colors is caused by the action of both light and atmosphere. Chemical composition will give a clue as to the action of atmosphere, but the action of light is more subtle, and nothing short of an actual test is of value. Of course, it is impracticable to have a test extending over years of time, so some methods had to be devised to give results in days.

It has been determined from exhaustive experiments that a color that will not change after exposure to bright sunlight in the summer for a period of three days can be relied upon to withstand ages of exposure in the diffused light of an ordinary room. The amount of actinic light given off by the sun during a cloudless day in summer was measured photographically, and by the same method the amount can be gauged on a cloudy or rainy day. This enabled a standard condition to be measured and governed.

The amount of fading in such a day, even with rather fugitive colors is very slight, so the following method was devised to determine what effect long exposure would have. A strip of paper printed with an ink made from the color was exposed to light one, two, and three days, with a part protected by black paper. By comparison of the exposed parts with that protected by black paper, it was found that some of the colors would fade a little more each day, and others would fade for the first day and remain stable for the other two days. The former were classed as progressive in fading, and the inference is that they would eventually fade away. The assumption is that the others would fade slightly and then remain permanent. Further experience has corroborated this view, and today no colors are used in the Bureau that show progressive fadings.

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EDITORIAL.

Forward—The conventions of the national stamp societies now are history and it may be said that the season is about to open. Yet, if it ever could be said truthfully that there was little lapse in interest in stamps during the summer, the present year is deserving of this tribute. Never before has philately fared so well during hot weather as it has in the months just passed and this observation receives confirmation from many scattered sources of information. On the eve of this season, according to the calendar months, we shall make no prediction. We have the conviction shared in by a host of philatelic followers that an activity and prosperity will abide with us in the months to come that will be without parallel in our pleasant realm.

Authority—A question that often is received in some form or other is answered in the following statement from the postmaster of Chicago:

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History—From Mr. H. C. Macdougall, Boothbay Harbor, Maine, we have received the following pithy opinion: "I have found 'writing up' stamps very interesting. A collection 'written up' impresses one's friends favorably and helps to remove one, in their eyes, from the category of a 'crank'. But to many collectors the literary side is a bore." The point that is made is worth serious consideration. It is not to be gainsaid that the historical phases that are embodied in a collection that is described with brief historical and statistical notes command the interest of the non-philatelist. On the score of helpfulness to the pursuit, one should go to some pains to "write up" the issues as the effect on the outsiders in viewing the collection should be in the minds of those who would contribute to the welfare of philately. The time may come when a

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Signature—We have before us a letter written by James M. Buchanan, who is immortalized philatelicly by his issue of the Baltimore provisionals, adhesives and envelopes. It is not necessary to say here that the adhesives, in particular, are in demand or that the ten cent is among the supreme rarities of the United States. James M. Buchanan was postmaster of Baltimore from 1845 to 1849 and the date attributed to the adhesive stamps is given as 1845 in some instances, and as 1846 in others. The provisional envelopes were issued in 1845 as there is record of the use of the written signature and the printed signature envelopes in that year. The ten cent envelopes have the printed signature and the impression on them is in red while on the five cent envelope, it is in blue. Speaking of the five and ten cent adhesives of Baltimore, Mr. Luff in his history of the stamps of the United States said that the earliest cancellation that he had seen was March 18, 1846, and the latest, March 27, 1847. The design of the stamp was printed from an engraved plate and consisted of the value below the fac-simile of the signature of Postmaster Buchanan. From theories developed by Mr. Luff, he advances the suggestion that the plate of the Baltimore stamp was composed of fifteen stamps in five horizontal rows of three stamps each, the lowest row having been the impressions of the ten cent value while the remaining twelve units were of the five cent denomination. Mr. Luff says that a sheet under this arrangement would have a face value of ninety cents, an amount that would allow at the price of a dollar a margin that would balance the cost of plate production and printing. The ten cent adhesive is very rare and it was Mr. I. A. Mekeel of our paper, who, many years before his death, sold a copy of the Baltimore ten cent for the sum of forty-four hundred dollars.

Reproduction—After the foregoing digression, it is becoming that a return be made to the letter that has been mentioned. This letter from the Baltimore ex-postmaster is dated Baltimore, Jan. 10, 1850, or soon after he withdrew from office, and is addressed to a friend in Annapolis, Md., and though the use of postmasters' provisionals after the appearance of the regular 1847 issue is of record, yet the year 1850 is too far a cry and it could not be expected that a Baltimore stamp would be used then. Though it is the characteristic signature that we are concerned with, we shall not forbear to copy the letter in the chirography of Mr. Buchanan: "Balt., Jan. 10th, 1850. My Dear G.:—Will you be good enough to refer the papers in the matter of Martigue's estate to the Auditor? Enclosed I send you tax bills but there still is one tax bill which I have not got. This need not delay the Auditor. Let the Auditor have the papers," and now for the famous super-scription:

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Away—We have learned that Mr. Hugh C. Barr, Buffalo, New York, editor of *La Hacienda*, that superb monthly published in Spanish, expects to embark about the first of October on a six months' trip around South America, covering Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Peru, Panama, Costa Rica and Cuba. Mr. Barr's trip will be made with a view to the investigation and study of agricultural and industrial conditions in these countries but we may depend upon Mr. Barr to acquaint us with any philatelic developments that may come under his notice.

Many—A question that is new to us has been asked by a reader who wants to know if his cover which is plastered over with twenty Chilean stamps is entitled to the record as having emanated from a non-philatelic source, for profligacy, as it were. A cover with a score of stamps on it would not command a second glance in some circles. We have seen in the business correspondence of firms letters from South and Central America on which thirty to fifty stamps were affixed. In fact, we have just been given some Guatemala covers by a business friend, on one of which there are thirty of the 10c blue and orange, while others have around twenty stamps on them. If we may rely upon recollection, the most stamps that we ever saw on a single cover that was not mailed by a collector, to all appearances, were on a huge envelope sent from Brazil to France on which there were eighty or so of stamps of small denomination. We are confident that almost unbelievable stories of this kind could be told, and we are ready to hear some of them.

DEATH OF L. W. CROUCH.

(English philately has suffered a severe loss in the death of Capt. L. W. Crouch who was killed in action. The English papers speak appreciatively of Capt. Crouch's services to both his country and his hobby—stamp collecting. We clip the following.—Ed.)

The great regard in which my friend, the late Captain L. W. Crouch, was held in philatelic circles is echoed in the numerous letters I have received from readers. An incident very characteristic of Captain Crouch is related in a letter from Mr. Whitfield King, who has given many entertainments to wounded soldiers at Ipswich. Crouch read of these in *The Postage Stamp*, and wrote Mr. Whitfield King that one of his N. C. O.'s was wounded and had been sent to Broadwater Hospital, Ipswich, and he would be glad if Mr. W. K. would look him up. The very next day Mr. King happened to be giving a garden party to some of the men from Broadwater, but Corporal N— was not amongst them. But on telephoning to the matron permission was obtained for him to be brought to the party. Says Mr. King, "This man had been awarded the D. C. M. and spoke so highly of Captain Crouch that I wrote and told him what the man said, and that I fully expected to hear that he (Captain Crouch) had been awarded the V. C., to which he modestly replied that he suspected it was all Irish blarney on Corporal N—'s part, and although he had been at the Front for sixteen months he had not been sent forward and had not even received a medal because he had not done anything to deserve it.—*Postage Stamp*."

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CHAPTER V.—Handling Stock.

In modern business, efficiency is the order of the day. Every industry has come to look upon high efficiency as an exponent of success. Fifty years ago, a factory was satisfied with the difference between its products selling price and cost. Today, however, the live manufacturer must know not only the cost of his raw material, but the amount of labor involved in performing every process, in order that he may run his plant at the highest efficiency and thereby reduce his costs. The same idea is in the mind of every modern business man. Where a few years ago the letter press and copy book was in vogue, today the carbon copy and letter file is used, merely to save time and increase efficiency.

Unfortunately for the growth of the business, the stamp dealers are only waking up and beginning to see things in a modern light. Many dealers are still using the methods prescribed by their grandfathers, and are hampered by systems that should have found rest in the grave with the gentlemen aforementioned. If a stamp dealer is doing business for profit, why lose any of it by decayed business methods? To insure efficiency, every dealer should study the smallest details of his business, and eliminate and condense wherever possible. By carefully working out a system, it is possible to cut out some unnecessary handling of stock, thus saving time and decreasing the wear and tear on the stock by this useless handling, a factor to be considered by every stamp dealer.

In the Matter of Equipment,

the writer begs to make a few suggestions, based on his experience with the various articles necessary to the business. In buying stock books, only those with interchangeable leaves and of uniform size should be considered. It is far easier to move a leaf from one binder to another as occasion may require, than to move each stamp from one page to another. There are several very good lines of stock books on the market. Of course, for quantity lots, a pocket stock book is the only kind practical, and the same remarks apply to these books. For counter books, a printed album of standard make is the most advisable, and the style printed on only one side of the paper is the most desirable. Dealers can usually procure these books through buying a collection, thus saving much labor in mounting. Every dealer should have a set of these books whether he does a counter trade or not, as they are useful in finding stamps when wanted for lists or otherwise. If possible, a set should be kept for unused, and another for used specimens. Whenever a new stamp is received, it should be placed in this collection in its respective place. In this way, the dealer can readily find a stamp wanted without causing unnecessary delay to his customer or loss of his valuable time. (A stamp dealer's time is worth something. Bear this in mind, and don't forget to include it in your cost. If you were not attending to the stamp business, you could be doing something else for profit.) More sales are lost and customers disgusted by the popular phrase, "I have it around the place somewhere, but can't find it," than by almost any other reason. A keeps his stamps in a dozen different places

and hunts all over when he wants to find a stamp. He remembers he saw it last month on an approval card somewhere. B puts his stamps in their place as received, and knows where they are in the dark. Who gets the business? Who makes the most profit?

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is necessary: a set of albums, or two sets if possible; a stock book (or books, depending on the stock) for surplus copies up to ten of a kind for used stamps, a similar book for unused (separate pages may be used at first, or used may be arranged at the left of the line and unused at the right, or vice versa) also a book for blocks, strips, and covers. As the stock grows, more books will be necessary, but these should be a continuation of the ones first used. A stock book size 10 inches by 12 inches, or thereabouts, is the most practical. Do not get too small a book. At the present time I am making no allowance for equipment needed for an approval department, as this will be treated separately in a later issue.

In Handling the Stamps and Books,

use care, as the less wear, the greater the profit. Pocket stock books have several ugly habits, such as tearing the stamps and perforations, and are also liable to become loose at the pockets, if overcrowded. Most books are designed to accommodate five layers of stamps to the pocket, and no more than this should be put into a pocket. Also, much strain is removed by lapping the stamps a little. While this takes up more room, it also allows one to get an idea of the appearance of each stamp without removing the whole lot. The less the stamps are removed from the pockets, the better for both.

In handling my own stock, I put all copies in excess of ten in envelopes and file them in tin boxes, first by country and then by number. On the envelope, besides the name of the country, the number, year and value, I put my cost per ten in code. If only one stamp is added, I multiply its cost by ten to get the necessary cost price. In using a code, it is advisable to select a word of ten letters, letting the initial represent one, and the final represent naught. These letter combinations will tell at a glance the cost of the stamp or lot, and selling price may be fixed accordingly. This code comes in very handy especially when more expensive pieces are handled. The code word is very easy to remember and is generally more satisfactory than a number code (which is often confused by the customer to mean the real cost, and false impressions as to profit arise).

In Caring for Stamps,

it is advisable to use a stamp tongs whenever possible, instead of the fingers. Finger marks never added value to any stamp. Also, when mounting, use a first class hinge on all except the very cheap stamps for approval purposes. The new tasteless hinges are to be commended. They give satisfaction and the user does not find it as necessary to run down to the corner to wash away the taste as heretofore and thus time and expense are saved.

In handling rare stamps or extra fine copies of good stamps, it is an excellent plan to enclose them in small transparent envelopes, as this saves much handling. The writer recently had a magnificent copy of an early U. S. stamp damaged by taking it out of a stock book to show, and replacing it. Also, the larger transparent envelopes may be cut into sections and used. The four

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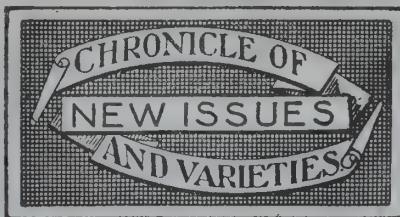
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VISITS BEVERLY OFFICE.

The most recent visitor to the Beverly office of the WEEKLY was S. E. Coleman of Washington, D. C., who with Mrs. Coleman and their daughter motored from the National capital to the erstwhile summer capital on a vacation trip. Needless to say, the Managing Editor enjoyed the call and the honor done the office of the WEEKLY. By all means include Beverly in your New England itinerary. With river and lake, hill and dale, to say nothing of seven miles of rugged shore line, Beverly is in a class by itself.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

ARGENTINE.—We have already reported the 5c value of the 1916 Commemorative issue for this country. Thanks to J. M. Bartels & Co. and Louis M. Royal, we are able to describe the 1c, 2c, 3c, 10c, 12c, 20c, 24c and 50c values. As announced some time ago, there are three designs and as many sizes. The 10c is of the same design as the 5c described in No. 1339, with change of color, the lower values, 1c, 2c, 3c, are 17½x23 mm. and show a portrait of Dr. Francisco Narciso Larraida, with "Republica Argentina" above and "1816-1916" below with the value in square tablets in the lower corners. Similar arrangement of the inscriptions is noted on the 12c, 20c, 24c and 50c stamps, but they are of larger size, 21x27 mm. and show a portrait of "Gral Jose de San Martin." The stamps are all printed on paper watermarked honeycomb, the three lower values being perforated 13½x12½, and the others 13½.

Adhesives.

1c ochre.
2c chocolate.
3c pale green.
5c red.
10c gray green.
12c blue.
20c pale ultramarine.
24c red brown.
50c gray black.

AUSTRIA.—Offices in Serbia.—Stanley R. Massman informs us that the Austrian Occupation stamps for use in Serbia now have the overprint "Serbien" printed horizontally, instead of diagonally, reading up.

AUSTRALIA.—The Australian Philatelist has received specimens of a very striking innovation in Commonwealth postal stationery, to wit, three envelopes with the ½d, 1d and 2d stamps embossed thereon. The stamps, instead of being surface-printed, are embossed in relief, the head and numerals standing out prominently in each.

At first it was announced that they were to be impressed on envelopes supplied by customers, a charge of two shillings per thousand being made for embossing; and that the stamped envelopes would not be sold over the counter. Later instructions were issued that existing stocks were to be used up before the new issue is placed on sale; pointing to the fact that they will be sold to the general public.

Envelopes.

½d yellow-green.
1d red.
2d purple.

BAHAMAS.—Ewen's Weekly says: In returning our remittance for the Special Delivery stamp, the Postmaster of Bahamas, in early June, stated that a very limited number was issued and that the entire quantity was sent to the Post Office Dept. at Ottawa, Canada. We then mailed to Ottawa and recently received the following letter:—

"Post Office Department, Canada, Ottawa, 27th July, 1916.

Gentlemen,
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, regarding the Special Delivery stamps supplied to this Department by the Bahamas Postal Authorities for use on letters mailed in Canada, the special delivery of which is desired in the Bahamas Islands, and to inform you that this Department has been notified by the Bahamas Office that the stamps in question are to be used for no other purpose than for the service for which they were issued.

Your remittance is therefore returned herewith.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,
(Signed) R. M. COULTER,
Deputy Postmaster-General."

Under date of July 25, Dr. Walter Hess writes: "There were only 600 copies of the 5d Bahamas Special Delivery issued. The entire supply was sent to Ottawa for distribution. The stamps were never on sale in the Bahamas, and only the Canadian 10c green Special Delivery, for use on letters to Canada.

"From my own experience I am rather inclined to think that you will have difficulty in obtaining the stamps from Ottawa. Some correspondence has passed between Ottawa and Nassau as to whether the stamps could be sold to collectors and dealers, but the Governor of the Bahamas advised Ottawa that the stamps were to be used for postal purposes only. The stamps are very hard to obtain here, and as yet, I have only been able to get hold of a very few."

BAVARIA.—Ludwig Simon informs us that new 2½pf, 7½pf and 15pf values are to be issued, as noted for Germany, owing to increased postal rates.

CANADA.—We are indebted to Gladstone Perry and Robert Hitchman for the information that the 3c War Tax stamp of Canada is to be printed in brown instead of red. A probable change in color has already been intimated in these columns, the new color being made necessary to distinguish it from the ordinary 2c stamp.

GERMANY.—Ludwig Simon kindly translates for us a clipping from a German paper, regarding new values added to the current German Imperial series, owing to the increase in the postal rates. These new values were issued to the public on July 28. The design is the same as the 1906-11 series, except that the background of the inner field is colorless instead of lined in color, a novelty which renders them easy to be distinguished. There are also new post and response cards, but particulars regarding these are lacking.

Adhesives.

2½pf gray.
7½pf orange yellow.
15pf brown.

Offices in Belgium.—Stanley R. Massman informs us that only the 3pf has appeared with change in spelling of "Centime."

Ewen's Weekly translates from the Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung as follows:

"Many of our readers have heard that there are two types of the 25 centimes value of the German issue with surcharge 'Belgien', without really knowing the difference which exists between the two types. It is not very important and exists simply in the placing of the figure 25 from the word centimes. In the first printing of these stamps the figure 5 is placed 1¼ mm. from the 'c', whilst in the later printings this space is 2¼ mm."

INDIA.—The Philatelic Journal of India has the following regarding the Indian stamps overprinted "I. E. F."

The subjoined numbers compose the second printing of this series for each denomination:—

Adhesives.

1r green and brown, 4,800.
12a dull claret, 12,800.
8a purple, 12,800.
4a olive, 25,600.
3a orange-brown, 25,600.
2½a ultramarine, 25,600.
2a mauve, 51,200.
1a rose-carmine, 178,000.
½a green, 384,000.
3 pies, grey, 25,600.

Post Cards, and Envelopes.
½a inland post card, single, 150 reams.
½a inland post card, reply, 350 reams.
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NEW ZEALAND.—H. O. Garaway writes from New Zealand, as follows: "The 2d, 3d, and 6d King George and the 8d

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—The branch office of the WEEKLY at Beverly was favored last week by a visit from Mrs. E. W. Oughtred of Montreal. After attending the A. P. S. convention Mrs. Oughtred made a tour of Massachusetts and Connecticut prior to her return to her home city.

—J. M. Bartels supplements the information conveyed by A. A. Jones, Herrin, Ill., in regard to the inability of securing residence address of G. W. Faber, formerly 189 Grand River Ave., Detroit, Mich. Interested parties will do well to correspond with either of these two dealers.

—A Washington, D. C., subscriber sends us a portion of the Congressional Record for August 25. Legislation is being put through for a special cancelling die to be used by Springfield, Ill., in connection with the 100th anniversary of the admission of the State of Illinois into the Union. We note also a similar action in connection with the 100th anniversary of the admission of Mississippi. The city of Gulfport desires the publicity in question.

—We are indebted to several subscribers for further information concerning the 12c U. S. with pink back. Among those who have written us are Alfred Wilson, Arthur Hurlin, Robt. Ruebsamer, Jr., and H. F. Metz.

—The Globe of Hartford, Conn., published on Sunday, August 6, a most admirable article dealing with stamp collecting occupying nearly a half page of this influential daily. Had we space at our disposal we should be glad to reprint the article as an indication of

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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Advertising Chat

A new advertiser will be noted this week in the person of G. Stanley Haines, 17 Charlotte St., Peabody, Mass. Mr. Haines comes to us with bank references and has been a subscriber to the WEEKLY for several years. We give him a cordial welcome and trust his stay with us will be a long one.

The large advertisement of Andrew Sledd, Decatur, Ga., offers an opportunity for those who like to patronize an auction. Mr. Sledd calls attention to the fact that the catalog prices quoted are those for 1915 and that the catalog for 1917 would naturally show numerous advances in prices.

C. G. Gardner changes over this week from adlets to displayed advertising. He writes:—"I am doing sufficient business through your columns to warrant this change and later hope to use even more space than at present." The WEEKLY is glad to encourage the young dealer and will give him every consideration possible.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

NOTES ON THE STAMPS OF THE FEUDATORY STATES OF INDIA.

By B. GORDON JONES.

The stamps (native types) of some of the Indian Feudatory States offer a most interesting group to a specialist wishing to get off the beaten track. The entire group is still rather unpopular and most imperfectly understood, and bargains may be picked up very often. Some of the States will well repay study, and on closer acquaintance will be found to be most interesting. Undoubtedly a large number of the issues were only made for collectors, and reprints abound of many, but when the rubbish is weeded out, a great deal of the residue is really of sterling merit.

Major Evans has written a series of excellent articles on these States, which appeared in Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal*, and various other magazines, mostly in the *Indian Society's Journal*. To anyone taking up this group, all the "literature" available can be got together for a few shillings. In a few instances special handbooks also exist, such as Masson's "*Jammu and Kashmir*," Anderson's "*Bhopal*," and one or two others, but all are cheap editions. Scott (New York) has also issued a very fine series of reproductions of many of the plates, and these will be found invaluable for plating.

Many of these States may be coming countries, though at present they may seem more like gone ones, and time may bring its revenges. Before "the day" comes for them, wise people will have arrived first, and when they attain to the pinnacle of desire, those who have already climbed there cheaply will feel exceeding wise!

I have set down some desultory remarks about a few of the most interesting of these States, but I do not expect everyone to agree with me. The States mentioned in the beginning are, I think, quite the best, but it must remain with each of us to have our own preferences.

Before proceeding further, it is as well that the status of these issues should be understood. The stamps of the "Convention" States (overprinted on the Imperial issues) will carry letters and other mail to any part of India, but the stamps of the Feudatory States are purely locals and can only be used within the confines of each State itself. The Imperial Post Office maintains offices in all these latter States to deal with correspondence going out of them.

BHOPAL: This is one of the largest States of Central India, and is in extent about the size of Wales. Its many issues afford a large field for study to

the specialist, but to shade and plate all its numerous sheets from single copies would nearly mean the work of a lifetime. To collect "by catalogue", taking only the main varieties, will be found most interesting, but to anyone wishing to reconstruct all the plates, though this may prove an absorbing labour of love to an enthusiast, it will be a weariness of the flesh to most.

Entire sheets of nearly all the earlier issues can still be met with, and this simplifies the plating work. The Indian Society has published a book on "Bhopal" (G. A. Anderson), but it is very sketchy; the reproductions in colour of the earlier sheets will, however, be found useful. Gibbons' catalogue lists (excluding errors) about 150 varieties, and as each variety has from 20 to 30 types on the plate, it will be seen that plating all the issues is an endeavour not to be lightly undertaken.

HYDERABAD (DECCAN): This is the premier State of India (though Kashmir is slightly larger), and in extent it is about equal to England, Scotland and Wales combined, the income of the Nizam (king) being about £3,000,000 annually.

The first stamps were issued in 1869-70, and the two "skeleton" values of this series can be plated if desired. This issue was perforated 11½, reprints made about 1880 being perforated 12½. In 1871 a fresh series of stamps appeared, which are given in Gibbons' catalogue as perforated 12½, and it is only recently—forty years after they first appeared—that copies have been found with the earlier 11½ perforation. In 1905 a new series of stamps began to appear, and since then three distinct sets of perforations have come on the scene, some being very rare.

This State is the only one of the Indian States that affords scope for the energies of the perforation hunter, and if they are followed into the later service (Serkari) issues, a fine crop of finds may result at the expenditure of little money. Collectors must, however, beware of forged Serkari surcharges, as their number is legion.

JHIND: This is one of the smaller progressive States in the Punjab. The native types of stamps went out of use in 1885, but the State still survives as one of the "convention" group. The early issues of Jhind are of great interest, and it is a fine country for plating, as each value has fifty types to the sheet. As a rule, the stamps of these States are overpriced in the catalogues; Jhind is, however, an exception, and perhaps, barring the 1876 issue, all the other stamps seem underpriced. Sooner or later prices will find their truer level, and Jhind will then "arrive." The letter "R" on all Jhind stamps is stated by Gibbons' catalogue to be the initial letter of a previous Rajah's name, but this is wrong. It merely denotes the first letter of the word "Raj" (kingdom), and as the stamps were for internal use only this was intended to clearly imply what was meant.

KASHMIR: This is the most important State in Northern India, being slightly larger than Hyderabad. From the general point of view the stamps of this State constitute the fairest field in Indian philately. Sir David Masson's handbook on "Jammu-Kashmir" is the standard work on the country, and it is perfectly indispensable to anyone seriously taking up these issues.

Kashmir is, however, much marred by reprinting, and in collecting its manifold issues the collector must "gang warily."

Beginning with the circular stamps, reprints exist from the original dies and also counterfeits from imitation dies, but with care these can soon be detected. The 1867 Jammu rectangular (blocks of 4) stamps cover a large field, but the greater number are practically unobtainable. The 1866-67 Kashmir series is also most interesting, some of the stamps being extremely rare. Gibbons' catalogue omits to state (as in earlier instances) that all (Nos. 86-101) are in water-colours. A common mistake made by many is to confound S. G.'s Nos. 91-92 (½ anna) with the 1867 Jammu plate,

but the differences are plain enough if the stamp is intelligently examined. There is no space here to even begin discussing the subject of Kashmir stamps, but their collection will well repay much study. Owing to the numbers of reprints and forgeries in this State, the issues are rather neglected, yet with knowledge it is fairly easy to still pick up some of the greatest rarities for a few pence from careless dealers and others who neglect all these stamps, and also in "mixed" auction lots. Kashmir stamps went out of use altogether in 1895, and all the plates were publicly destroyed. Several very fine collections of this State exist, the best known being those formed by the late Sir David Masson and by Colonel F. H. Hancock.

POONCH: This is a minor State in the Punjab Himalayas, and its issues, though manifold, are absolutely above suspicion. Essentially the collection of Poonch stamps is purely one of collecting varieties of paper. About 1875 two early dies were in use, but these seem to have disappeared later. In 1880 a fresh set of five dies was prepared, remaining in use for about 15 years, and when Poonch stamps became obsolete they were publicly destroyed. For ordinary use these stamps were struck in red, and for service use in black. All the resultant varieties are caused by the numerous kinds of paper brought into use each time stamps were required. Some of the papers were used in small quantities and many varieties are thus of extreme rarity. These crude labels are most interesting, and they are worth studying. Collectors should, however, be on the alert for forgeries, as many exist.

SIRMOOR: An important State, near Umballa in the Punjab. The "head" stamps of 1885-1900 exist from several printings, and their classification and collection form one of the most interesting subjects in Indian philately. The catalogues put all the printings together, only differentiating them by shades. Some of the rarer printings are worth quite a good price, and with knowledge may be picked up for pence. Roughly, these "heads" may be classified as follows (the variations are caused by the head die being inserted separately to the rest of the design), all the printings being lithographed by Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, in blocks or strips, multiplied to make up the sheets:

3 pies, brown, 3 printings; I (7 types), IV (5 types), VI (4 types). Of these the 1st printing stamps are uncommon, the 4th common (both being S. G.'s A), while the 6th printing is very common (S. G.'s B); total, 16 types.

3 pies, orange, 6 printings; II (4 types), III (5 types), IV (5 types), V (2 types), VI (4 types), VII (4 types). Of these the 3rd and 4th printings are very rare, the 2nd fairly rare, while the 5th is common, though all are S. G.'s A; the 6th printing, S. G.'s B, is very common; the 7th printing only exists surcharged for Service use (1900 Waterlow overprint); total, 24 types.

6 pies, green, 7 printings; I (7 types), II (4 types), III (5 types), IV (5 types), V (2 types), VI (4 types), VII (4 types). Of these, the 3rd printing is of the greatest rarity, the 1st, 2nd, and 4th printings are good, while the 5th is common, all being S. G.'s C; the 6th printing, S. G.'s D, is very common; the 7th printing only exists with the Waterlow Service overprint; total, 31 types.

1 anna, blue, 6 printings; I (7 types), III (5 types), IV (5 types), V (2 types), VI (4 types), VII (4 types). Of these, the 3rd and 4th printings are rare, the 1st is good, the 5th and 6th are common, and the 7th only exists with the Waterlow Service overprint; total, 27 types.

2 annas, rose red, 4 printings; I (7 types), V (2 types), VI (4 types), VII (4 types). These are all rather common, the 7th printing, as in all the other values, only existing with the Waterlow Service overprint; total, 17 types.

Apart from identification by examination, some of these printings can be picked out at once by their shades, certain shades being peculiar to certain printings. The two stamps of the second printing can easily be identified by the lack of shading on the turban and the face. The fifth printing is peculiar in showing the lines of background behind the head very blurred. The seventh printing only exists surcharged by Waterlow for service purposes. In many cases it will be found easier to complete plates with the help of over-

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The above noted States are, to my mind, the most interesting of all this Indian group, but many of the other States, to which I may refer in a future article, will be found not unworthy of attention. Some of them, however, like Bamra, Bussahir, Charkhari, Dutia, Faridkot, Kishengarh, Orcha, etc., are more or less of the made-for-collectors order, and do not deserve overmuch notice.—*Stamp Collectors' Annual.*

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NEWS FROM THE ORIENT.

By THEODORE SIDDALL.

(It has been some time since we published this letter, news as it is, will be read with interest. After several years' residence in Manila Mr. Siddall is now temporarily located in Shanghai.—Ed.)

I notice that Scott's catalogue of 1916 lists the Philippine 2 and 4 centavo stamps with the perforation 10. The 2 centavo with this perforation has been out for about a year in booklets, but only since about July 15 in sheets. The 4 centavo, it is understood, has been printed and sent out to Manila in booklets, but at the time I left there none had been placed on sale at Manila, which is perhaps where they would first appear, as only the offices where there is a considerable American population would find any sale for booklets. The natives would never think of paying the extra 2 centavos for a booklet—in fact, they seldom buy more than one stamp at a time.

The Russian China 10 ruble stamp is now obsolete, all having been used up and I have seen an official letter from the postmaster in the Russian office here in Shanghai stating that no more would be issued.

The Japanese China set surcharged on the new issue of Japan (1914) is with one exception on sale now, only the 4 sen remaining unissued—or at least, it is not yet on sale in the Shanghai office.

The German China 4 cent on 10 pfennig has been exhausted at the German offices, but as these offices are doing very little business nowadays during the war, the absence of this value is not seriously felt. No American ships call at Shanghai since the Pacific Mail quit, and no one of the other neutral nations has any regular lines of steamers to this port, so that the German post office can not send mails outside of China, as the Allied lines will not handle them. Its business is confined to a few Chinese and Americans within China (and of course the Germans here) and the stamps are becoming harder to get.

There are a few additions to be made to the 1916 "standard" catalogue, of stamps that were issued as long ago as 1912, as follows: China, Shanghai surcharge, inverted, 1 and 3 cent, not listed. London surcharge, 3 cent inverted surcharge, not listed. Postage

anything from the pen of Mr. Siddall and this letter, news as it is, will be read with interest. After several years' residence in Manila Mr. Siddall is now temporarily located in Shanghai.—Ed.)

Due, Shanghai surcharge, 1 cent brown, with inverted surcharge, not listed.

The set under numbers 109 to 118 are fakes pure and simple, and were not issued by the Chinese post office.

I receive want lists from many correspondents who wish to get the various special delivery "stamps", listed under numbers 271 to 277. These are not stamps, are not sold to the public, are not allowed to go out of the post office except by favor and if so allowed to get out would not be good for postage or any payment of any sort. They are furnished to the post offices in books of 100. When an express letter is presented for mailing, the sender receives one section of the stamp as a receipt for the letter, one section is retained in the sending office, one is signed by the recipient and filed in the records of the delivering office, and the fourth section, I suppose, is kept as a sort of check on all hands. The stamp could not be used as the American special delivery stamp is used, and if an ordinary citizen presented one of them, together with a letter for mailing, he would probably get the secret service after him to inquire how he got the stamp. It certainly would not serve to pay postage, and is lacking in at least one of the essentials of a postage stamp, in that it is not sold to the public for the prepayment of postage or any other charge. However, I have seen entire specimens, and if you were a personal friend of the Postmaster General of China perhaps you could buy a book of 100—but they would not be good for use as stamps.

There are two types of the Shanghai Republican surcharge, that occur on the 1 and 2 cent values only. When these stamps were put in use, the Statistical Department was unable to surcharge all the stamps required in the short time available, and a quantity of the 1 and 2 cent were surcharged by a private concern, the Commercial Press. The distinguishing mark is in the bottom character, which in the Commercial Press print is wider than the same character, in the ones printed

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10 Chile	.15	10 Persia	.10	3 Seychelles	.10
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by the Statistical Department. One type of surcharge is as common as the other, apparently, and the 1 cent Commercial Press print has also been found inverted.

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CANADIAN POSTAL CANCELLATIONS.

By PERCY MCGRAW MANN.

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"Vancouver—Mid-Summer—Fair—Aug. 30-Sep. 6-1913"

Victoria.

"Victoria—Carnival—Week—Aug. 4-9-1913"

MANITOBA.

Brandon.

"Dominion—Fair—Brandon, Man.—July 15-25 1913"

Winnipeg.

"Selkirk—Centennial—Winnipeg—Jul. 10-20 1912"

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Sydney.

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Galt.

"Galt—Horse Show—June 5-6-7-1913"

Guelph.

"Guelph—Old Home Week—1913—July 28-Aug. 2"

Hamilton.

"Hamilton Centennial—Industrial Exposition—Aug. 11-16-1913"

"Ontario Christian—Endeavour Convention—Hamilton—Sept. 18-21 1913"

"Help—The Hamilton—Mountain—Sanatorium—For Consumptives" (Jan. 1914)

"Hamilton—Horse Show—June 18-19-20-1914"

"Hamilton—Industrial Exposition—July 6-18-1914"

"Help—The Hamilton—Mountain—Sanatorium—For Consumptives" (Aug. 1914)

Kingston.

"Kingston Township Fair—Kingston, Ont.—September 17th & 18th-1913"

Lindsay.

"Lindsay—Central—Exhibition—Sept. 17-19-1914"

London.

"Western Fair—London—Canada—Sept. 5-13-1913"

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Ottawa.

"Ottawa—Horse Show—May 13-17-1913"

Toronto.

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HOW TO ARRANGE A COLLECTION OF GREAT BRITAIN.

By A. B. CREEKE, JR.

The stamps of our own country constitute a group requiring special treatment, by reason of the circumstances attending their issue, so different from those of other countries.

Until 1880, values were created as and when required, and colours were changed every now and then—all in a more or less haphazard sort of way. The only features which remained constant for any considerable period were the watermarks and the perforation.

There were altogether, up to 1880, three kinds of postage stamps in use, two being the line-engraved, consisting of the 1d, 1d, 1½d, and 2d; and the surface-printed, comprising all the values from 2½d to £1, inclusive. Of these, the lower values form a series by themselves, not only because of their method of production, but also on account of the One Penny value, which exhibits a wonderful range of plate-numbers, to say nothing of tones and shades of colour, with a few variations of die, watermarks, and perforation thrown in.

The surface-printed stamps also are, as a whole, remarkable for the number of plates, changes of colour, and minor variations in the design.

Sandwiched in between these two great divisions we get the embossed stamps of 1847-54, forming, by reason of the mode of manufacture, a distinct class by themselves.

From 1880 onwards the new stamps are easily separated into issues, for the changes which took place after that date affected most, if not all, of the values for the time being in use; the present remarks are therefore mainly directed to the stamps of ante-1880 design.

There would seem to be three reasonable ways of arranging the earlier stamps of Great Britain: First, the strictly chronological, *prima facie* the correct and most scientific method; secondly, in groups, according to the manner of production, sub-dividing the surface-printed into periods by the watermark and the corner-lettering—as in the catalogue; and thirdly, according to styles of production, in order of value, exhausting each value before another is commenced.

The first I do not like, and candidly consider it liable to cause great confusion. The stamps would follow on somewhat in this fashion: 1840, 1d black and 2d blue, no lines; 1841, 1d red-brown, 2d blue, white lines; then would come the embossed 1s green (1847), and 10d brown (1848), followed by the line-engraved of 1854; after which would come the 6d embossed; then another batch of line-engraved; then the surface-printed stamps of 1855, and so on, until, somewhere between the Shilling, green, small letters, and the Threepence, rose, large white letters, we get several pages of the Penny, rose-red with plate-numbers.

The result is that, if you wish to trace any particular value through its changes of watermark and colour, you must perforce keep skipping a page or two every now and then.

The "catalogue" plan is much better—you can study it at your leisure, after

you have considered the scheme advocated here, one which I followed in the very good collection I possessed years ago, and also (with slight variations) in a very fine and large accumulation recently arranged by me.

First of all, divide your stamps of ante-1880 designs into three main sections—line-engraved, the earliest of all; embossed, the next venture in stamp-production; and lastly, the permanent surface-printed, which first appeared about the middle of 1855—and exhaust one section before touching another, taking the stamps in each section in their order of value.

Thus, we keep to the design, until all the stamps conforming to it have been dealt with; and, a great consideration, it is quite easy to find any value required. Try even the system of arrangement in "Gibbons"—excellent though the catalogue is as a whole—and find, straight away, the 2s brown, or the 6d grey, plate 17, on Spray.

"Philbrick and Westoby" (1881) adopts the group-system, but takes the values in their order of issue; "British Isles" (1899) also follows the group-system, but gives the stamps in the order of value. Can you, off-hand, name the first four surface-printed stamps in their order of issue? I cannot.

Now for the plan advocated: It seems, as a well-known advertisement has it, "so easy":—

LINE-ENGRAVED.

Halfpenny (1870).—Plates 1, 3-6, 8-15, 19, 20.

One Penny.—(1840) black; (1841) red-brown; (1854-55) red-brown, dies I and II, Small Crown, perf. 16 and 14; (1855-57) red-brown, die II, Large Crown, perf. 16 and 14; (1857-58) rose-red, die II, Large Crown, perf. 14 and 16; (1864), plates 71-74, 76-125, 127, 129-225.

Three Halfpence (1870).—Plates (1), 3, Error: "OP-PC" on plate (1).

Twopence.—(1840, no lines) blue; (1841, white lines) blue; (1854-55) blue, Small Crown, perf. 16 and 14; (1855) blue, Large Crown, perf. 16 and 14; (1858, thin lines) blue, Large Crown, perf. 16; (1858), plate 7-9, 12-15.

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Twopence Halfpenny.—(1875) lilac-rose, Small Anchor, plates 1-3. Error: "LH-FL" on plate 2; (1876) lilac-rose, Orb, plates 3-17; (1880) blue, Orb, plates 17-20; (1881) blue, Crown, plates 21-23.

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EDITORIAL.

Off—Speculation is rife as they say when "they" are groping in the dark, as to the effect that the repeal of the documentary and proprietary taxes will have on the stamps whose use was abolished September 9th, 1916. The collectors of internal revenue throughout the country have been notified from Washington that Congress has nullified schedules A and B of the emergency tax law. The two schedules in question have to do with the stamp taxes on documents and proprietary articles respectively. Here it is to be said that the wine and cordial tax is retained with some revision. The future of the proprietary issue gives no such range for discussion as does that of the high value documentary stamps, thirty dollar to one thousand dollar, inclusive. Through circumstances, we have been allowed to peep on some of the largest users of high values in the country and we have some basis for our calculations. We shall assume that our observations strike something of an average of conditions generally. Today, the high values are surprisingly scarce and if it were not that stock market transfers will come to swell the visible supply their strong position would be secured. Still, many of the high taxes were paid by quantities of five dollar for instance and three \$10 stamps for the thirty dollar payment were popularly used. The fact that the sixty dollar revenue stamp was not on the earliest lists weakened the demand for it. As for the fifty dollar which was withdrawn, it is now

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Halt—A correspondent, Mr. Raymond D. Foley, Natick, Mass., who reads and remembers, says: "You promised the 'patrons of pulchritude' a picture of Bill Bloss. Have I missed it by any possibility or does Bill refuse to pose?" Our correspondent unwittingly touches a tender spot. When we promised our readers a picture of Bill, we thought in our artless way that we were showing Bill a flattering attention that would be graciously accepted. There was a painful *contretemps*; and Bill invaded our sanctum in high dudgeon to hurl verbal bombs at us in consequence of our light-some words. The scene was a harrowing one and even our magnanimous offer to advance Bill the money on his mere note did not improve the situation. The case is very much in *statu quo* but so hopeful is our nature that we think that Bill will ease the strain on our present relations and allow himself to be prevailed upon to give us a photograph in time for our Christmas number, or, failing that, our St. Valentine special.

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Another—From Mr. C. G. Adams, St. Paul, we have received an envelope with "Soldier's Letter" printed in the upper right hand corner, in the wake of our remarks some time ago concerning the scarcity of the printed inscription under notice. Moreover, a bit of sentiment attaches to Mr. Adams' contribution, which is reflected in his annotation: "I have a number of these letters with Soldier's Letter printed on them that were written by my father during the war. The one I enclose is unused and was found recently at my home in Massachusetts."

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Invalid—Latterly, one seldom finds a letter with a U. S. postage stamp on it that is invalid for postage. Mr. Roscoe L. Wickes shows us an envelope with a one cent 1857-60 stamp on it, mailed in New Orleans in the late '60's we should say and on the cover is the impression in black, "Illegal Stamp," while the postage stamp is unmarked. When the 1861 issue appeared, the U. S. stamps of preceding issues were rendered invalid for postage and consequently, the stamps of the 1857-60 issue, in particular, that were retained in the south were made valueless postally. For some time, there was use for the "Illegal Stamp" marking but as time went on, it practically disappeared from the surface. Unknowingly, postal clerks have passed the three cent, 1857-60, on letters to philatelists but these envelopes mean nothing without the "Illegal Stamp" impression. In a circular issued by the post office department so late as February 20, 1890, a detailed

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Query—We have received an interesting letter from Mr. H. M. Norton, St. Paul, Minn., as follows: "In your editorials of August 19th, you report that Mr. S. H. Barnes has a strip of seven one dollar parcel post stamps and says that there is no possible way that seven dollars' worth could be used on one package. I have a block of fourteen one dollar parcel post stamps canceled 'Washington, D. C.' The person from whom I purchased them bought them from a non-collector who removed from the block the upper right hand stamp to send him as a sample. The block therefore as originally used was a block of fifteen (5 perpendicularly by 3 horizontally). Is this a case of some postal clerk being short \$13.86, or if the fifteenth stamp be not a myth, \$14.85? Postal clerks do not make that kind of mistake frequently, I imagine." This testimony is interesting. It will be remembered that Mr. Barnes said that it would require a weight of 22 pounds, first class mail, to counter-balance a postal charge of seven dollars, and fifteen dollars' postage would reach almost to the limit of weight of first-class matter, fifty pounds, in the first and second zones. Be it understood that the limit of weight of first-class matter is the same as the limit of weight of fourth-class matter. We commented on the "mistake" theory of Mr. Barnes' speculatively rather than confirmatorily.

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Again—Colored cancellations on U. S. stamps are no treat to our friend, Mr. Silas Weatherby, Medina, Ohio, and he now sends as a supplement to the host of cancellations in other than black that he recently forwarded to us, a colored ink postmark, "Higginum, Conn.—Parcel Post"; and a letter the stamp on which is obliterated most crudely, with a big figure 1 in rose ink. We should say that black ink does not strike the fancy of many a lively rural Nasby, notwithstanding the edict of the department that black is the color ordained for use.

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—We have been informed by the Acting Third Assistant Postmaster General that several denominations of postage stamps of the current issue have been printed on unwatermarked paper but none have yet been issued.

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CHAPTER VI.—Packets, Sets and Accessories.

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The packet was very popular with collectors, and is still in favor, especially among the beginners, as it offers large variety at little money. The set is growing more popular every day, and is gradually taking the place of the small packet. Every dealer catering to general trade should carry a few packets in stock, such as 100, 250, 500, 1,000 and 2,000 varieties, as these packets are the most essential to the collector and are the ones that sell easiest.

A Series of Packets by Countries.

as 100 varieties of Austria, etc., often prove quite popular with collectors, though these necessitate a considerable outlay of money, and it is doubtful if the results warrant the investment unless the business is great enough to permit of large sales. Such a series is excellent for stamp-shop and candy store trade. Special packets of 10 varieties of unused, 10 animal stamps, 10 French Colonials, 50 British Colonials, etc., may be included in the series. Low priced packets sell more readily than higher priced ones, for the reason that the collector has learned of the element of chance involved in buying stamps "unseen" and often hesitates to risk a large amount. Also since the greater majority of packets are purchased by children, whose money is usually limited, the cheaper ones are often purchased where the more expensive would have to be declined. In my experience with a chain of packets in the candy stores in Chicago, I found that the 10c packets sold best of all, and that the special packets aforementioned sold readily.

So many dealers have taken advantage of the fact that packets were purchased unseen, and have used them to work off all the trash they had, that collectors have grown very cautious. If these same dealers had the foresight of a field-mouse, they would realize that these buyers could be made continuous customers, with little effort. However, they believe it better to sting a man once than to sell him twice. Therefore, if you value your good name and want to build up a business, make the most of this opportunity to reach the new collector, and give value for his money. If necessary, cut down your own profit a little, and charge it to advertising. A 1,000 variety packet that had just a little better value than any put on the market heretofore would be a big drawing card for a dealer. Remember,

The New Collector Buys Packets First, usually before he knows much of the ways of stamp dealers, and if you secure

his good-will at the start, he will remain your customer. Use the packet as a means to distribute your advertising matter, by enclosing a coupon offering a premium for every collector trying your approvals, or for the names of three collectors, or something of a similar nature. Avoid "stuffing" the packet with advertising matter that might tend to make the collector think he was getting a larger quantity of stamps than the number enclosed. Also, if practical, put a "money-back" guarantee on the packet, and announce it on the outside. It will pay in the long run, as it shows that you are striving to please. Use attractive envelopes, and pack the stamps neatly. If the contents warrant it, and advertising matter is enclosed, put the stamps in a separate small envelope. Also, keep out the damaged and the trash. Sell these as such, if you must, to somebody who buys with his eyes open and knows what he is buying. Most of the wholesale dealers can assist you in putting out a line of packets, and many offer packets already put up. These are not always advantageous, for the reason that they do not permit the dealer to put "personality" in his goods, nor can he be sure of the quality. In my opinion, the cheaper variety packets can best be secured ready-made, and the smaller "special" packets can best be made up by the dealer. The former require considerable work and do not warrant quite as much care as the latter.

A Popular Way of Selling Packets

and, accordingly, reaching collectors, who might not learn of the dealer's existence, is by mounting them on cards for display and selling through the candy, notion, cigar and other small stores of the town. In this work, a commission ranging from 20% to 40% is usually allowed the store-keeper, and the larger the commission, the more effort will be made to sell the packets. For convenience, it is best to prepare cards in multiples of \$1.00 and to make all cards alike, or in series. This eliminates dispute and aids in checking up the amounts by the vacant spaces on the card. Candy, book and cigar stores are the best packet sellers, and stores situated near schools, or patronized by children, are especially good. I have had some quite high sales from hotel shops, railway station novelty counters, and find that some most unusual places often bring results.

A Special Christmas Package

designed to start collectors should prove popular at the toy counters and with the small stores. This package should include a cheap album, package of hinges, package of stamps (a variety and a "special") and a small pamphlet describing the benefits of collecting and a few of the essentials that every collector should know. These packages could be put up in different sizes, some including a catalogue, a hand-book on collecting (of which there are many to be had), and different size packets of stamps. These latter should include a good general assortment, rather than a group of any special country. Needless to say, the dealer will put his card or a little advertising matter in the lot. As people do not like circulars in connection with their Christmas presents, a card simply stating that "further orders or information on stamp collecting can be obtained from—" is most advisable. If the collectors are interested enough to buy, they will write you.

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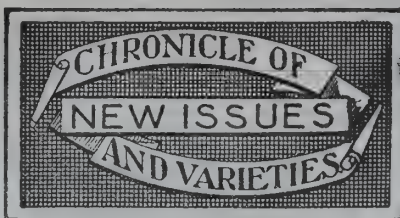
ing from 5c to 25c are the most popular, though the higher priced ones sell quite well. As in all other branches of the stamp business, or any other, "personality" counts, so offer different sets from those of your rival if you can, and the field is large enough for you to do so. Use cards of uniform size, and mount the stamps with hinges, not with fish glue or tire cement. Some dealers think it is a good joke on the collector when he tries to remove the stamps from the card and succeeds in tearing large pieces from the stamps. The collector also thinks it a good joke on the dealer when he sees the "For Rent" sign in his window. A neatly mounted set will sell far better than one stuck on any old way. Remember this when you mount the cards. Price lists of sets may be issued advantageously, though a stock sufficient to sell all orders should be maintained.

Hinges Are Absolutely Essential

to all dealers. Certain firms throughout this country and abroad are offering these in quantity, at figures low enough to allow a good profit, and it is possible to purchase them put up with the name and trade-mark of the dealer retailing them on the box or package. A certain English house issues an attractive circular on their stock of accessories, and includes some unusual offers in high grade hinges, put up in little tin boxes, bearing the retailers label, and also a watermark detector on the reverse of the box. This same firm can offer an excellent line of all other accessories, in fact, they are one of the few concerns manufacturing stamp accessories exclusively.

Magnifying Glasses, Tongs,

watermark cups, gauges, catalogues, stock books, and albums, should not be stocked unless the dealer has a local shop where he can display same, and has trade enough to warrant the expenditure. The larger dealers will gladly enter into a proposition to furnish the small dealer with whatever he needs in these lines as ordered, at reduced rates. Much money can be sunk in this sort of stock, and unless care is used, loss will result. Rather than buy the stock and be unable to re-sell it, make an agreement with some large dealer to supply you with the goods as needed, or turn the orders away.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

A PUBLIC APOLOGY.

It has been called to our attention that our issue of July 29, 1916, contained in the Chronicle of New Issues certain matter reprinted from *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* without in any way giving acknowledgment to that publication. In connection with news matter concerning recent issues from Australia, Falkland Islands, Malta, New Zealand, Russia and Trinidad credit was given to the original sources of information, when in addition *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* should have been noted as the channel through which the information came.

We regret the fact that our Chronicle neglected to give proper credit where credit was due, and have requested Mr. Kidder, the editor of the Chronicle, to give full credit in the future to any and all sources from which news matter is secured. We make this public apology, as we are always anxious to extend the same credit in the use of matter from other publications as we desire extended us.

THE PUBLISHERS.

ARGENTINE.—Frank R. Elliott also reports the 12c Commemorative stamp, chronicled last week.

BARBADOS.—We illustrate herewith the type of the new design already chronicled in this column:—



BRITISH HONDURAS.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports the 1c in yellow green instead of blue green, with also a slight change in the tint of the paper.

Ewen is officially informed that a re-issue of the 1 cent with violet network overprint was placed on sale on June 6 last, but that stock was soon after withdrawn.

The embossed 2c Postage and 3c Registration Envelope (5c) with the special violet network overprint is also at last to hand in the two sizes. This appears to have been placed on sale about the middle of July. The overprint in network device is in oblong shape 1 1/2 inch x 1 inch with rounded corners placed over the embossed stamp, excepting the inner circle, enclosing the head of King George.

Provisional Envelope.

5c Registration Envelope.

CANADA.—G. Stanley Haines has shown us the new 2c "ITC" from Canada. The color is that of the 6c maple leaf and figures of 1907 and 1908, making it a very handsome stamp. There is no change in the design.

Adhesive.

2c+1c brown.

CAMEROONS.—According to the *Champion's Bulletin* certain stamps of German Cameroons were found by the French army of occupation and have been overprinted "Corps Expeditionnaire Franco-Anglaise." The editor has been shown one of the stamps. The total number found was only 13,000 and

the values overprinted were 3, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 80pf. The overprinting was done at Brazzaville. Up to this time the stamps have not been put on sale and it is not certain that they will be. The small quantities which exist of each value would make them scarce.

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports the 25c value on lemon yellow paper colored through, with chalky surface.

GERMANY.—*Scott's Circular* says: Owing to changes in the postal rates new denominations of stamps will be required and the early appearance of stamps of 4, 7, 12, 15 and 35 pfennigs is announced. At the same time the 3pf stamp will be discontinued. Probably the 7pf announced above is a mistake for the 7 1/2pf announced in MEKEEL'S last week.

HAYTI.—Three values of the current series, with portrait of Zamor are reported by our English contemporaries.

Adhesives.

- For Foreign Postage.
- 15c de piastre olive and black.
- For Domestic Postage.
- 2c de gourde yellow and black.
- 7c de gourde red and black.

NAURU.—The *Australian Stamp Journal* writes:—

"We received on 30th ult. a circular letter from the accountant of His Britannic Majesty's Administration in Nauru, to the effect that 'no stamps of English issue will be available for sale until those at present current, Australian stamps surcharged 'N. W. Pacific Islands'—have run out. . . . It is considered, however, unlikely that the new issue will come into use for a few months."

NEW ZEALAND.—Frank R. Elliott reports having seen the 1/2d and 1d of the 1909 New Zealand issue, surcharged "Samoa" in black. The envelope bearing these stamps was rubber-stamped—"Passed by Censor 2. G. R. I.—Samoa."

ST. LUCIA.—*Ewen's Weekly* gives the official decree regarding the 1d War Tax stamp, as follows:

SAINT LUCIA.

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under the authority of section 17 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1881.

[20th May, 1916.]

1. There shall be paid in addition to the present rates of postage on all letters and parcels (other than postcards, books, newspapers, commercial papers and samples) posted within the Colony to a destination outside of the Colony within the British Empire a war tax of one penny.

2. Such tax shall be paid by affixing to each letter or parcel a special penny stamp overprinted with the words "War Tax," which shall be sold at the Post Office for the purpose.

3. These Regulations shall take effect on and from the 1st June, 1916.

Made by the Governor in Council this 17th day of May, 1916.

B. P. E. BULSTRODE,
Clerk of Councils.

The overprint is in two lines, sheets of the 1d in the new printing, scarlet from plate 3, being appropriated for the purpose. For the machining of the overprint each sheet was divided at the left of centre margin, and all the right side panes had the right outer margin torn off so as to make each left and right pane about the same width. The process of overprint was made from a setting of 30 pieces 6x5, two impressions completing the pane of 60 stamps.

TURKEY.—This country has found another excuse for surcharging stamps. This time it is to celebrate the occupation by Turkish troops of some Egyptian territory near Mount Sinai. The surcharge is said to be "Tursina," in Arabic letters and to be applied to stamps of 5, 10 and 20 paras, 1 and 5 piastres. *Scott's Circular* says it is not stated if the stamps used for this surcharging were of the 1913 pictorial issue or of some older series.

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U. S. 1902-03, No. 300b, 1c gr. Imp. pair, 20 Canal Zone 1915, Nos. 48-51, 1, 2, 5, 10c, 26 Hawaii, Provisional 1893, 2c rose, No. 66, 10 All unused on gum, blocks same rate. G. A. Burgers, 6334 S. Washtenaw Av., Chicago.*

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We have received from E. H. Paterson, St. John, N. B., a specimen of the new war stamp printed in a rich shade of brown instead of carmine. This is the 2c stamp with "1Tc" recessed in the plate, the change in color being

made because of the great confusion between its predecessor and the regular 2c stamp. Mr. Paterson states that the stamp appeared in St. John Sept. 8. It is a very handsome one.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

By HARRY E. HUBER.

From British Honduras, effective April 1st, 1916, the postal rate on letters to the United Kingdom and British Possessions, and to the United States, was increased to three cents for the first ounce. This accounts for the extra 1c stamp appearing on recent mail matter from the Colony. The rate is the same on inland letters.

The 1c stamp with the burele overprint, has been further overprinted lo-

42 New Foundland 1880, 3c blue, .10
44 New Foundland 1887, 1c red, o. g., .05
45 New Foundland 1887, 1c green o. g., .07
47 New Foundland 1887, 3c amber brown, .09
203, 4, 7 Abyssinia Dues unused, 3 for, .18
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Advertising Chat

H. S. Dickey of Newton, Kansas, began last week a series of advertisements and will be with us right through the season. Among other things Mr. Dickey sells pre-cancelled stamps, of which he has a large stock. He writes us that he came east headed for the A. P. S. convention at Boston, but got only as far as Washington when visions of a possible railroad strike and a walk home caused him to forego his visit to New England.

The old and reliable firm of J. C. Morgenthau & Co. resumes its auction advertising and will no doubt be a most prominent factor in the auction business of the coming season.

We announced two weeks ago that W. W. Phillips of Lewiston, Cal., was anxious to hear from any parties whose correspondence had been in any way neglected. Through peculiar circumstances Mr. Phillips has been placed in an unenviable light and letters sent him will be promptly answered.

Elsewhere will be seen an advertisement of Geo. C. Ginn & Co., one of our oldest advertisers, whose announcements are always of interest. We welcome the business of this firm and hope to have its continued patronage.

The attractive advertisement of Chas. A. Townsend will undoubtedly meet with good business. Mr. Townsend has a goodly stock of these Dutch Indies stamps and his prices are very reasonable, as a careful examination of wholesale lists would show. He asserts that in the majority of cases his prices are "lower than wholesale."

Mr. Townsend also calls our attention to the operations of the Peoples Stamp & Coin Co., 920 Independence Blvd., Chicago, Ill., and they are not at all creditable to this concern. Our columns are open for an explanation and in the meantime interested parties will do well to correspond with our Akron dealer-friend.

J. E. Guest, Commerce Sta., Minneapolis, Minn., is interesting himself in the claims against George Liden of that city. We have made several references to Liden's shortcomings and any unsettled claims may be submitted to Mr. Guest.

Please note this week the change of address of Joseph D. Amey who will now be found at 2765 N. 23 St., Philadelphia. Mr. Amey is desirous of becoming better acquainted with collectors in Philadelphia and vicinity and at the new address he will be able to entertain any who may call upon him.

For some little time our erstwhile regular advertiser, M. Giwelb, has been ill, and under the advice of his physician he has removed from London to Brighton, where he expects to speedily regain his health. His former patrons will be interested in his announcement.

Reference to the adlet of Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr., wholesale dealer in postage stamps, indicates that he has changed his address to 2329 Edmondson Av., Baltimore, Md. He will issue a new list October 1 and promises to be heard from regularly during the coming season.

It has been found necessary for Percy McG. Mann to postpone the date of issue of his U. S. catalog to January 1, due to a further re-arrangement to include new varieties and prices and the preparations of cuts for purposes of illustration. Due notice appears elsewhere.

It cannot be expected that the mere insertion of an advertisement in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY will overwhelm any dealer with business. An advertisement must be well written, offer desirable stamps and at prices that compel attention.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

cally, in black, with the word WAR.

The 5c registration envelope, with the burele overprint, sent out with the first consignment of the overprinted stamps back in early 1915, has at last been placed on sale.

SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND.

(Our editorial eye caught this news story last week. It has little of a stampic flavor about it except that it deals with a stamp man. Persistency brings its own reward in other things than the stamp business.—Ed.)

HANOVER, PA., Sept. 8.—J. Emory Renoll of this place, who has not missed a session of Sunday school for 19 years, traveled 60 miles to maintain an unbroken record. Renoll is secretary of Trinity Reformed Sunday school, and when he learned of the edict of Dr. Samuel Dixon closing all Sunday schools in Pennsylvania he decided to go to Maryland.

Arriving in Baltimore on an early train he found all the schools closed, but after searching for hours found a school in session six miles from Baltimore.



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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322 Tremont Bldg., 8.15 P. M.

Although the Boston papers and some of the philatelic papers have noted certain of the happenings during convention week, no one as yet has given any sort of a complete record of what was probably the largest and best convention ever held by the American Philatelic Society. Starting with the meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society on Monday evening which was practically a reception to the visitors and ending with the all day trip to Plymouth on Friday, there was hardly any time when there was not something doing in the nature of entertainment.

On Monday the visitors began to arrive early in the morning and at 7.30 p. m. there was a large number of the A. P. S. members on hand at the Hotel Bellevue, the headquarters of the Convention. As fast as they registered, identification badges were made out and handed to them with the official program for the week.

A speech of welcome by Pres. Carpenter of the local society was followed by one by the president of the American Philatelic Society, C. A. Howes. An exhibition provided by the Boston Philatelic Society included A. P. Brown's collection of 20th Century British Colonials, Oscar Hill's Finland, the collection of China belonging to C. A. Howes, a fine collection of covers, the property of L. L. Green, a splendid specialized collection of "Penny Reds" which W. A. Rowell exhibited, Frederick S. Cook's book of "Commemoratives" and Ralph N. Hall's collection of U. S. That these stamps were appreciated was evidenced by the fact that it was long after 11 o'clock when the different books were taken away by their owners.

Tuesday morning at 10.30 the convention was formally opened. After the transaction of the regular business, the members were addressed by Edward M. Hartwell who represented the Mayor, Hon. James M. Curley, the latter not being able to be present owing to an important hearing at which he was obliged to preside.

In the afternoon two cars started from Harvard Sq. and took about 95 members and friends to Lexington where, after a short stay on Lexington Common, George L. Gilmore, who is a charter member of both the local society and of the A. P. S. escorted them to the Hancock-Hall house, a fine old specimen of early building which belongs to the historical society of the town. A stop of about half an hour was made here and then the cars were again taken and they continued on to Concord. After a walk to the old bridge over the Concord river and back they came back to Harvard Sq. and thence to Boston. The evening was devoted to exchanging and selling stamps at the Boston Society's club room in the Tremont Bldg., and was much enjoyed by everyone.

The ladies had been notified on the previous day that there would be a special trip arranged for them on Wednesday and in the morning A. P. Brown and Oscar Hill took them

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After the meeting of the visiting society, the convention photograph was taken in the rear of the State House and then after lunching the party was taken aboard the Monitor, the City boat, which had been placed at their disposal for the afternoon through the kindness of the Mayor, and a sail around Boston Harbor for about 2 1/2 hours was greatly appreciated by it.

After dining at various hostilities, the ladies were sent to Braves field to witness the exhibition of fireworks while at the same time B. L. Drew held an auction at the Club Room. The stamps sold were all the property of A. P. S. members.

On Thursday the Society held its last meeting and at 1.40 the train for Salem had 79 of the local and visiting philatelists aboard, in two special cars. Arriving at Salem, the number was increased to 117 by local members and friends and they were assigned to places in 20 automobiles which were waiting in the square near the station. These autos were furnished by the courtesy of the Salem Chamber of Commerce and through the indefatigable efforts of its Secretary and of E. M. Carpenter and A. W. Batchelder, of our society.

The trip was one long to be remembered. The day was slightly overcast thus enabling one to avoid the glare attendant on a sunny day and in consequence to enjoy viewing the different fine estates for which the north shore is famed. After a run through the so-called "fire district" in Salem, we went down through Beverly, Wenham and Hamilton to Essex and Manchester, returning to the estate of one of our Boston Society members, Dudley L. Pickmann, where a light collation was served on the piazza of his fine residence. Then the party went back through Salem to the Willows where it partook of a shore dinner. Return was made to Boston at about 8.40 p. m.

On Friday, a trip to Plymouth on the boat had been arranged and there were about 80 in the party when it started. At about 11 o'clock dinner was served. Upon their arrival in Plymouth, after a delightful sail, the different points of historical interest in which Plymouth abounds, were visited. Nearly everyone visited the monument on the hill from which a splendid view of the harbor was to be obtained. On the way back a light lunch was served, after which an entertainment was provided. Mrs. Sebbens, of Worcester, and her daughter played and sang and Miss Frances Aldrich danced at the head of the stairway to the dining saloon. Her dancing was very pleasing and was especially creditable in consideration of the limited space in which she had to perform.

Many of the visitors said goodbye at the wharf in Boston as they were obliged to leave that evening for home. A party of about twenty or so dined and attended theatre together thus winding up an enjoyable four days in a pleasant manner.

There were 105 A. P. S. members registered during the week. They represented cities which were widely

separated; Mrs. Oughtred coming here from Montreal, and our former President, C. T. Rothfuchs, journeying from Los Angeles to be present.

The general consensus of opinion as expressed to the writer was that it was "the best ever" and more than one of the visitors stated that other societies would hesitate before inviting them to convene in their city or town after the many good things which they had enjoyed as the guests of the Boston Philatelic Society, Inc.

FREDERIC W. STILES, Sec.

BOSTON, Sept. 11, 1916.

The 364th (regular) meeting of the society will be held at the club room on Tuesday, Sept. 19th at 8.15 p. m. As this is the first of the fall meetings let us start off with a good attendance. Those who are competing for the prizes offered for getting new members will have to put in the names of proposed members by the November meeting in order to have them count. Come to the meeting and hear about the convention, the best ever held according to the talk of the visiting members of the A. P. S. The application of Mr. C. R. Hurd will be voted upon.

Those wishing to dine together before the meeting will meet at the room at 6 p. m.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

On June 1st the American Philatelic Press Club was organized, for the purpose of bringing philatelic editors, publishers, and prominent writers together. The annual dues have been placed at \$1 per year, with no entrance fee. A constitution is being drawn up and will be submitted to the members at the time of the annual election in September. All philatelists eligible should write the Secretary at once.

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The state of Oaxaca is largely covered with steep mountains, difficult of access, in the center of which is the very rich valley of Oaxaca and the city of the same name.

The city of Oaxaca has a population of about 45,000, and is the largest city of extreme southern Mexico. It is located on the river's bank—the mountains rising abruptly to the north and west.

The people of Oaxaca contain but little of the Spanish element; they are the purest of the old Indian tribes of Mexico and the least corrupted by the invader. Though they joined the Mexican union, they retained a great measure of local freedom and their communities, remote in their mountain fastnesses, are still governed by their tribal councils as they were at the time of the conquest, and they still speak their native Indian language, the cities, only, using Spanish. It is worthy of note that the two great men of Mexico, Juarez and Diaz, were Oaxaca Indians.

The state of Oaxaca occupies a somewhat different position in relation to the Mexican Union than do the other states; it is a federated state, having much greater power and rights in self government. It has not taken sides with any of the various revolutionary factions and all officials have been regularly elected according to constitutional provisions, and the government has been conducted according to strict legal requirements.

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The people of Oaxaca took the stand that they would maintain their government under the established laws, and would not take part in any revolutionary proceedings, nor would they allow any of the revolutionary parties to interfere with their affairs. Their aim was to continue in this course until there was a stable, central government established in Mexico, when they would resume their relations and position in the union. And they refused to further permit their people to be dragged out as prisoners, and forced to fight in the factional armies. Because of their desire not to hamper the solution of the nation's difficulties, Oaxaca voluntarily relinquished sovereignty over the Isthmus of Tehuantepec—hoping thus to avoid the interruption of inter-oceanic commerce on the Tehuantepec railway and possible international complications. Thus the administration of this territory and railroad was left to any government that was strong enough to maintain it. Oaxaca also stated that it would not interfere in any matters outside of its own boundaries.

CHAPTER II.—Neutrality Scorned.

The Carrancistas were not content to get along without trouble and, on the fourteenth of November, 1914, a Carrancista force, under the command of Jimenez Figueroa, entered the city of Oaxaca and, without resistance or firing a shot, took possession of it. After spending several days in placating the inhabitants and firmly establishing himself in power, he ordered the convening of all members of the state legislative and executive bodies, in the state palace. This included the most prominent men of the state. He ordered them to appoint him and his men to all offices and then to resign in a body. They refused to do so and he ordered them to be shot; but the inhabitants, anticipating some such move, arose as one man and rushed to the assistance of their countrymen. At the same time, two of the officials jumped from a rear, second story window of the palace to the pavement; one of them broke his thigh, but the other,

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The fight commenced as soon as the Sierranos reached the outskirts of the city; about 8:30 in the morning of the 18th of November, 1914. It lasted all day and the greater part of the night, and, though the Carrancistas defended themselves with rapid-fire guns, cannon, and were well armed and supplied with ammunition, they were defeated and all killed except Figueroa and twenty-two of his men, who escaped and rode, with relays of horses, nearly to the City of Puebla, a distance of two hundred miles. When nearly to Puebla, they were captured by the Indians, who had followed them on foot through the mountains, and taken back to the City of Oaxaca, where they were tied to trees and their throats cut, thus exterminating entirely the first band of Carrancistas who attempted to forcefully take possession of the government of Oaxaca.

When the Oaxacanas had regained possession of their capital, they immediately re-established their legal government. A general, Meixuero, was appointed to command the troops, with full power to take measures for the protection of the state against aggressors of whatever name. And the government was continued in strictly legal form.

After the failure of the Figueroa expedition, the Carrancistas declared open war on the people of Oaxaca. They denied them all supplies, the free passage of people and commerce, and, by capturing the sparsely populated sea coast, cut off communication from that direction. It was with the greatest difficulties of contrabanding that any food supplies or other necessities, as medicines, clothing, paper, etc., were gotten into the state, and then only in the smallest quantities. Hundreds and thousands of people died from exposure, starvation, and lack of medicines and disinfectants during the typhus epidemic. The American government and the American Red Cross were asked for relief from this situation, through the then official channels. The Red Cross and many private parties desired to respond, but they were denied for political reasons and thousands of people were allowed to die of the typhus and starvation.

CHAPTER III.—Postal Issues.

When all supplies were cut off, Oaxaca had on hand a fair supply of postage and revenue stamps and the Carranza paper money was in general use, as well

as the old silver money. These supplies of stamps they continued to use, keeping their records in proper form for future accounting with the National government. As their supplies of stamps were used, the state authorities applied to the forces in Mexico City (the Carrancistas) for further supplies; these were refused. The state legislature then authorized an issue of money in the form of metallic coinage, paper money guaranteed by the state of Oaxaca, and postage and revenue stamps. This bill provided for the emission of \$2,000,000 in paper money, the free coinage of gold, silver and copper, though with the peso to be much smaller than the old National peso, 420,000 postage stamps and 50,000 revenue stamps,—but a part of which were made. The old postage and revenue stamps, and those of the Carranza government, were used, without any discrimination or distinguishing mark, as long as the supply lasted, and, as they were used, were replaced with the new Oaxaca-made issue.

Postage stamps were made of the values 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 centavos. The designs are all the same—a wood cut of the Mexican eagle, standing on a cactus and holding a snake in its bill and claws, surrounded by the words "Estado Libre y Soberano de OAXACA", in a circle, with the figures of value forming the four corners of the design; above are the words "CORREOS Transitorio", and below, the word "CENTAVOS", the whole surrounded by a border of plain printers rule; the entire design being typeset, and containing the usual minor errors found in typeset stamps. The design measures more or less 20x27 mm., with a 5 mm. space between the designs of the separate stamps and the sheets measure 145x220 mm. to the outside of the design. The stamps were printed in two panes of three stamps horizontally by seven stamps vertically, making the finished sheet of six stamps horizontally by seven stamps vertically,—a total of forty-two stamps. The sheets were first printed with a tinted background of the same color as the stamps, and the same size as the individual stamps; the design was then printed on this background. The background varies from a strong tint to a tint so faint as to be scarcely noticeable.

The colors were intended to be the same as those of the regular issue of 1910, and were, as nearly as they were able to make them; however, they vary greatly, due to the lack of printing ink; they not only used all the good ink available, but worked up old, dried and spoiled ink and used it, and made ink of such materials as were at hand. Later, as further supplies of stamps were needed, it was impossible to make them, owing to this lack of ink, though they still had a little paper on hand.

The stamps were printed on the backs of postoffice report forms; the printing on the backs of the stamps varies, depending on the part of the form from which it comes. There were some blank spaces in the forms, and individual stamps, and even blocks of four and six, are found with plain backs. The ten cent is also known on paper, ruled on the back, with blue lines vertically of the stamps and black column ruling horizontally of the stamps. Also, the 1 cent. is known on a thicker, yellowish paper, with plain back. What

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POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE CANAL ZONE.

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CHAPTER XI.—Issue of 1909.

The designs of this series are similar to those of the previous one, the differences being in the size of the portraits and in the frames. The stamps were printed by the American Bank Note Company, of New York, and the name of the company appears in small capitals on each stamp just below the design. The paper used is much thinner than that of the seventh series. The first value of this series to appear was the ten centesimos de balboa, about January 19th, 1909. The two centesimos de balboa was issued May 20th, the

is of a reddish purple shade, differing only very slightly from that of the ten centesimos de balboa.

The portrait of Hurtado on the eight centesimos de balboa faces the left in this series instead of the right as in the seventh series.

The only errors thus far discovered in connection with the New York surcharge are a sheet of the eight centesimos de balboa on which the top horizontal row appears without the words "CANAL ZONE", a double surcharge on the five centesimos de balboa, and pairs of the two centesimos de balboa imperforate between the stamps.

In 1913 the letters of the surcharge were changed from antique to block type on the one, two and five centesimos de balboa and in 1915 the same change was made on the ten centesimos de balboa. In the early part of 1916 the surcharge was applied at the Government Printery at Mount Hope in the Canal Zone to the one and five centesimos de balboa. The type used was antique and closely resembles that of the first New York surcharge, but the distance between the two words is 1/2 mm. less than in the New York surcharge. In June, 1916, the ten cents de balboa was issued with this surcharge.

In the fall of 1915 a few copies of the two centesimos de balboa were discovered with the head inverted. An investigation showed that three sheets of this variety had been sent to the Zone and cut up to be made into booklets. Most of them were used before the error was discovered, and the consequence is that this is one of the rarities of the Canal Zone stamps.

Local surcharge, reading downward.

2c bright vermillion and black.

a—"CA" widely spaced.

b—Pair, one without surcharge.

5c blue and black.

a—"CA" widely spaced.

8c reddish purple and black.

a—"CA" widely spaced.

10c purple and black.

a—"CA" widely spaced.

b—Pair, one without surcharge.

New York surcharge, reading upward.

Antique Type.

1c green and black.

2c bright vermillion and black.

a—Pair, imperf. between.

5c blue and black.

a—"CA" widely spaced.

8c reddish purple and black.

a—Pair, one without surcharge.

10c purple and black.

Block type.

1c green and black.

2c bright vermillion and black.

a—Center inverted.

5c blue and black.

10c purple and black.

Mount Hope, surcharge, reading upward.

1c green and black.

5c blue and black.

10c purple and black.

CHAPTER XII.—1911-14 10c Values.

This issue consists of two stamps both having the value of ten cents. The first one was a 13 centesimos de balboa which was ordered by the Panama authorities to be used in the Canal Zone as a registration stamp. At the time it was ordered the foreign registration fee was eight cents, but before the stamps arrived the fee was changed to ten cents. The 13 centesimos de balboa stamps were therefore surcharged "10 cts", in addition to the "CANAL ZONE" surcharge. The stamps were printed by the American Bank Note Company, at the same time as the stamps of the eighth series. In January, 1911, the supply of the ten centesimos de balboa purple became unex-



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series, and also of a different size. The word "CANAL" is at the left of the central portrait, and the word "ZONE" at the right. The former is ten mm. and the latter eight mm. long.

The colors used for this series are nearly the same as those of the preceding series except that of the two centesimos de balboa which has been changed to a bright vermillion, and that of the eight centesimos de balboa which

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pectedly exhausted and this stamp was surcharged to meet the needs of the service.



The words "CANAL ZONE" appear as upon the stamps of the eighth series reading up. The type used is antique but much smaller than that used upon any other value. The word "CANAL" is nine mm. and "ZONE" seven mm. long, and the letters are 1/2 mm high. The two words are 13 1/2 mm. apart. The "10 cts." surcharge appears between these two words and is ten mm. long.

The color of this stamp is olive gray and its design is almost identical with that of the one cent and two cents of the third series. The differences consist of the figures of value in each lower corner and the words "centesimos de balboa" instead of "centavos" at the bottom. The surcharge is in black.

The "CANAL ZONE" surcharge was applied in New York and the value at the Government printing office at Mount Hope.

One sheet has been reported which shows the "CANAL ZONE" surcharge upon the lower margin as well as upon the stamps.

Specimens have been found with the surcharge of value inverted, and others with no value surcharged upon them. Neither of these is plentiful, though the latter is more so than the former.



In 1914 the value of the stamp was changed to ten centesimos de balboa. The design remains the same except that the figures of value in the lower corners are changed from "13" to "10". The color of the ten centesimos de balboa is not different from the thirteen, and the "CANAL ZONE" surcharge remains the same.

- 10 cts on 13c de b olive gray.
- a.—"10 cts." inverted.
- b.—"10 cts." omitted.
- 10c de b olive gray.

CHAPTER XIII.—Issue of 1915.

On March 1, 1915, a set of four values in new designs was issued to commemorate the opening of the Canal. These stamps were quite different from any of the previous issues in shape and design. They are shaped like many of the commemorative stamps of other countries being 34 1/2 mm. long by 21 1/2 mm. wide.

The design consists of a black picture in the center surrounded by a colored border. The words "REPUBLICA DE PANAMA" extend in a curve across the top, and just below them is the word "CORREOS", in colorless letters. Just below the picture is its title in the color of the border, and below that are two lines of words in colorless letters differing in each value. The values are one, two, five, and ten centesimos de balboa.



The one centesimo de balboa has for its central picture a relief map of the Canal. The title is "CANAL DE PANAMA

1915", and the value "UN CENTESIMO DE BALBOA" in two lines. Figures of value appear at each side of this inscription.



The picture of the two centesimos de balboa is that of Balboa taking possession of the Pacific Ocean, "Balboa Tomando Posesión del Océano Pacífico". The colorless inscription reads "EXPOSICION DE PANAMA 1915" in one line and "DOS CENTESIMOS DE BALBOA" in the other. The figures of value are at the sides just below the center of the stamp.



The five centesimos de balboa shows a picture of the Locks at Gatun, "Exclusas de Gatun." The two lines of words at the bottom read "CANAL DE PANAMA 1915," and "CINCO CENTESIMOS DE BALBOA". The figures of value are at each side in the center of the stamp. The word "Exclusas" is mis-spelled the correct spelling being "Esclusas".



The ten centesimos de balboa has a picture of the famous Culebra Cut, "Corte de Culebra." The inscription at the bottom is the same as that of the preceding stamp except that the word "DIEZ" takes the place of "CINCO". The figures of value are at the sides slightly below the center.

The colors are dark green and black, carmine and black, blue and black, and orange and black.

The "CANAL ZONE" surcharge is in blue antique type reading upward. The word "CANAL" is 10 mm. long and "ZONE" is 8 1/2 mm. long, and they are 9 mm. apart except on the 71st stamp of the sheet where the space is wider.

The engraving and printing of these stamps was done by the American Bank Note Company of New York, and the surcharge was also printed by them. There are therefore in this series:

- 1c dark green and black.
- 2c carmine and black.
- 5c blue and black.
- 10c orange and black.

CHAPTER XIV.—Postage Due.

For several years after the United States took charge of the Canal Zone no postage due stamps were issued. Letters upon which the postage had not been fully prepaid were, when received at the office of delivery, hand stamped "POSTAGE DUE 10 CENTS", or some other amount. On the delivery of the letter and the payment of the amount due, an ordinary postage stamp of the value required, was affixed, and cancelled with the regular cancelling stamp of the office.

In 1908 the postmaster of the office at Pedro Miguel conceived the idea of precancelling a sheet of stamps at a time with the Postage Due cancelling stamp. This was, of course, not official and was done for no other purpose than that of saving time when an unpaid letter was called for. It obviated the necessity of having to stop to cancel a stamp upon the delivery of each one of

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these letters. The ten cents stamp was the one most used but all of the values of the 1906, 1909 and 1910 issues were precancelled in this manner.

In 1914, however, Postage Due stamps were issued. These were the current Postage Due stamps of the United States, of the values of one, two and ten cents surcharged with the words "CANAL ZONE" in one line, diagonally across the bottom of the stamps. This surcharge is 16 mm. long. The stamps are on the paper with double line watermark and perforated 12. Strict orders were issued not to sell any of these stamps to the public in unused condition and the orders appear to have been obeyed, as none of the unused stamps have been reported. In April, 1915, these stamps gave way to a set of Postage Dues supplied by the Panama Government, and those remaining in the Post Offices were called in and burned.

The new stamps present a very pleasing appearance. There are three values, one, two, and ten centesimos de balboa, and all three are the same color, olive brown. The one centesimo de balboa is 29 mm. long horizontally, and 19 mm. vertically. At the top are the words "REPUBLICA DE PANAMA" in a straight line and under them curving slightly over a central picture, the words "CORREOS NACIONALES", in smaller letters. At each end of these words appears the value, expressed decimally, "B/o.01". The picture in the center represents the "Castillo de San Lorenzo Chagres". At the bottom are the words "CORRESPONDENCIA A DEBE".

The two centesimos de balboa is 19 mm. horizontally by 29 mm. vertically. In the center is a picture of a statue of Columbus, "CRISTOBAL COLON".

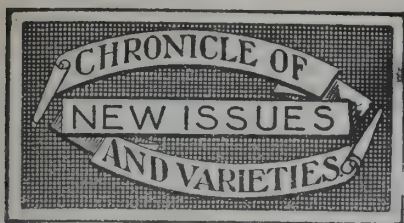
This picture is on a tablet with a scrolled top. Curving over the picture are the words "CORREOS NACIONALES". At the top of the stamp is the name of the country, "REPUBLICA DE PANAMA". Below the picture are the words "CORRESPONDENCIA A DEBE", and at the bottom of the stamp the value "B/o.02" with scrolls at each side of it.

The ten centesimos de balboa differs from the two in having in the centre a picture of Pedro J. Sosa upon a tablet with a differently shaped bottom, and that the value reads "B/o.10". In other respects the designs of the two stamps are alike.

These three stamps are surcharged "CANAL ZONE" in blue, and this surcharge is the same as that upon the tenth series of postage stamps.

Early in 1916 the color of the surcharge was changed to red, and large figures of value were added between the words. These figures are 9 mm. long, and the space between the words is 9 mm.

(To be continued.)



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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UNITED STATES.—The following new envelopes are reported by J. M. Bartels:

ISSUE 1911.					
Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Kn.
1c	B	8	White	18	59
ISSUE 1915.					
2c	A	13	Blue	19	89
2c	A	13	Buff	20	89
2c	B	8	White	20	91
ISSUE 1916.					
2c	A	7	Amber	18	51
2c	A	7	White	19	96
2c	B	13	Buff	19	101
2c	A	4	White	20	95
2c	A	5	Amber	20	87
2c	A	5	Blue	20	87
2c	A	5	Buff	20	87
2c	A	7	Amber	20	51
2c	A	7	Blue	20	51
2c	A	13	Buff	20	89
2c	B	5	White	20	99

John W. Bradbury informs us that he has discovered a double transfer on the 2c current issue, seventh stamp in the sixth row of the upper right hand pane of plate No. 7494. It is the only shift in the entire pane. Every letter of "U S Postage," shows the transfer; also a line 1/2 millimeter to left of stamp.

ARGENTINE.—Preston W. Champion reports having seen the 30c of the new commemorative set with portrait of Gen. San Martin. The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* gives the color of the above, and also of the 1/2c value.

Adhesives.

1c lilac.
30c claret.

INDIA.—Hyderabad.—Paul E. Hollister calls attention to variations in the printing of the 1/4a and 1/2a stamps of the "Postage" type. The differences are such as to almost justify the suspicion that some counterfeiting has been done. One design is 2 1/2 mm. in height, while the other is 2 1/2 mm. The width is the same, but the large stamps are much better printed, with the lines of the engraving brought out much more clearly. The whole appearance is greatly improved.

JAMAICA.—J. A. Galbraith has shown us new 1 1/2d brown orange stamp, overprinted "War—Stamp" in two lines, the type being small Roman capitals.

MEXICO.—Hermann Focke and the C. E. Hussman Stamp Co., have shown us specimens of two new provisionals from Mexico—the 1c of the 1910 set having been surcharged "G. P. de M. 5 Centavos", in brown, in the usual ornamental frame, and the 5c of the same series having been surcharged 25 Centavos in the same design in deep green.

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By J. B. CHILDS.

Liberia, the black republic on the west coast of Africa, does a very small amount of postal business for a country of its size, approximately the same as that of the state of Ohio. For the year of 1904 the entire receipts of the Post Office Department amounted to about \$7500; and this includes other items than postage stamps. Moreover a number of the principal towns had special issues of Registration Stamps, general types with the name of the town alone differing. Monrovia, the capital city of Liberia, has the largest population of the towns for which special issues were made; and it might be well compared to some county seat town in the Middle West, the others to country post offices. Still Liberia has an enormous population, probably several millions, but only 6000 voters (1904). By far the greater proportion consists of uncivilized blacks living back from the coast, neither needing or using the postal service.

The Mandingoes (\$2, 1906) are by far the most important of these back country tribes. Originally their ancestors were dark-skinned Caucasians from the north of Africa and negroes from Senegal. Their name of Mandingo comes from the native word meaning hippopotamus, which was adopted as the emblem of their tribe. Long before the twelfth century of this era they had established a mighty Mohammedan empire along the Niger valley. And even now they are of no mean importance, especially in Liberia. Since they are industrious and well-disposed towards the government, it is predicted that they will be an important factor in the future of the country.

Liberia itself was established almost a century ago by freed negroes from the United States, but the constitutional government was not made a thing of reality until 1848. The convention meeting at Monrovia had in addition to the formulating the constitution provided a specific design for both the flag and the seal of the new republic.

Flag (50c, 1906). "Six red stripes with five white stripes alternately displayed longitudinally. In the upper angle of the flag, next to the spear, a square blue ground, covering in depth five stripes. In the center of the blue, one white star."

Seal (20c, 30c, 1897). "A dove on the wing, with an open scroll on its claws. A view of the ocean, with a ship under sail, the sun just emerging from the waters. A palm tree, and at its base a plow and spade. Beneath (sic) the emblems, the words 'Republic of Liberia,' and above (sic) the emblems the national motto, 'The love of liberty brought us here.'"

This last sentence seems rather misleading, as I have noted; provided that one glances at the stamps mentioned, where the national motto reposes beneath the emblems.

But of the presidents very few of them have achieved a state of sufficient importance to provide for themselves a place on the postage stamps, probably owing to the short term of two years, which, however, has recently been changed to four years.

Hilary Richard Wright Johnson (8c, \$2, 1892) in 1884 was the first native born citizen of Liberia to be elected president. His father was Elijah Johnson, the leader of the first colony and the principal founder of the permanent settlement. From the very first the son followed in the footsteps of his father as a prominent citizen of the republic; he was the private secretary to the president, the editor of the only newspaper then in Liberia, a Member of Congress, Secretary of State, a professor in Liberia College, and finally President. During his eight years of service in this office treaties were arranged with both England and France, definitely fixing the boundary of Liberia with respect to the adjacent colonies of these two countries. After his retirement in 1892 he was appointed Postmaster-General; and this is probably

the way in which his portrait arrived on the postage stamps. Hilary Richard Wright Johnson died at Monrovia in 1900.

Garretson Wilmot Gibson (Registration Stamps, 1903) in 1900 became the heir to the presidential chair, the legally-elected president having resigned; and he sat in it until 1905, during the course of which time his portrait appeared on the postage stamps. Gibson, altho born in Baltimore, Maryland, was taken to Liberia while still a babe in arms, and ultimately was associated with the missionary work there. He became the first ordained deacon in the African field. After coming to Monrovia, however, he took considerable interest in politics, his political career winding up with his occupying the presidential chair. Also he was the head of Liberia College for a number of times. In 1910, Garretson Wilmot Gibson died.

Arthur Barclay (2c, 30c, 1909), the successor to the preceding, was likewise a foreign-born president. His father had emigrated from Barbadoes, where he had become obnoxious to the British authorities. The son became a lawyer, entering into the public service, and at one time being the Postmaster-General. Probably his most important act while in these subordinate offices was his arrangement as the Secretary of the Treasury for the honorable settlement of a foreign debt amounting to \$400,000. The Liberian Government had been inclined to repudiate it, but he upheld the national honor. When continuously from 1904 to 1912 Arthur Barclay was the occupant of the presidential chair; during this period he, like his two predecessors, secured a place for his portrait on the postage stamps. At present I believe that his only distinction is being the leading lawyer in Liberia.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—We are asked by F. L. Pauly, Lebanon, O., for the address of an insurance company that will insure a stamp collection. Who will help him out?

—The *Utica Herald-Despatch* of Sept. 8 contained an editorial more than a column in length giving a history of the stamps of the Danish West Indies. It is the leading editorial of this issue and is written by one who is more than an ordinary stamp collector.

—After all these years Charles A. Townsend, the well-known dealer of Akron, Ohio, makes a public confession. It is contained in a letter just at hand and has for its topic the use of many stamps on a single parcel, together with his relationship with one that came under his observation. He writes:—"In 1876 or 77 I saw at the depot at Dunkirk, N. Y., a package with an entire sheet of one hundred 90c Treasury stamps franking the same. I was a pretty small kid then but I slipped off a few with my pocket knife."

—"As my contribution to the collection of covers bearing many stamps I offer one mailed from China to one of our newspapers in Jacksonville which bears thirty-two Scott's No. 134 1/2 London Print."—CLAUDE B. VAIL.

—At a meeting of the Cincinnati Philatelic Society held recently at the Gibson Hotel, Erwin L. Fischer who attended conventions of the Southern and American Philatelic Societies at Washington and Boston, briefly outlined the work in which the club was engaged and expressed his great pleasure in attending the conventions of the national bodies.

—The *Post-Intelligencer* of Seattle has a department devoted to philately. It is entitled "A Corner for Stamp Collectors". It is conducted by C. Utermark and the example may well be emulated.

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—S. L. Schillig.—It is no unusual thing to find postage due stamps precanceled. This is a practice of many post offices where a goodly number of these stamps are used.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Annually—Following a time-honored custom, we descant at this time of year upon the glories that are to be unfolded by the philatelic season about to open. This annual exercise is supposed to formally dedicate the stamp season and a rare optimism always pervades the predictions made by dealers from coast to coast. It would be unnatural if the prophecies of those who were sustained by stamps were not somewhat flattering to the future of philately; and so the tenor of the dealers' credo is one of surging hopefulness. However, the forecasts of the dealers are pleasant reading and in a relative sense, they are of value to those who must anticipate the current of philatelic affairs; and next month, we shall have our season-opener.

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Bestir—Now is the time though for collectors to resume collecting operations, so that they may be in full stride by the time the season really opens. In fact, it seems as though there will be so great a crush later that it is well to start now in order to get the best vantage-ground. We should settle down comfortably in our seats to await the raising of the curtain on the greatest season that philately ever knew, chatting congenially in the meantime. The weather is conducive to stamp work and the collecting spirit will manifest itself if the album is brought out into the cheerful glow of the evening light. We urge collectors to begin the season in

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Auguries—Philately has fared so well during the summer that it is certain that the activity will reach a high mark soon; and mid-season will see a wonderful degree of philatelic interest generally. In the year past, philately has broadened as it never has before and we welcome this strengthening influence. We need not revert to the opinion felt by liberal-minded followers of the pursuit that stamp-collecting has been restrained by a sort of provincialism from obtaining the fullest commendation. The blame is not charged to stamps themselves, but to their followers. The cross-currents of self-interest, sharp practice and commercial jealousy, to say nothing of factional difference between collectors whose amateur spirit is not undeveloped, are running less strongly; and philately has emerged from that condition where any set of collectors can dictate philatelic policies or dominate general opinion. In truth, it has become a world of philately and is no longer a "pent up Utica" and the freer swing that collectors will have will conduce to their greater contentment.

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Proper—We are vastly interested in the proposed publicity plan of the American Philatelic Society which is to be conducted by New York members and needless to say, we pledge it our support. The determination that has been expressed by several workers in philately, previously, to promote the dissemination of information about stamp collecting shows that unselfish minds have been occupied with the problem of how best to spread the gospel of philately. We have had occasion to commend the volume of publicity that has been given philately in the newspaper press particularly by special articles recently and here it is to be said that this standard form of exploiting philately should always be in mind for emulation. It is an effective means for proclaiming the attractions of stamps to the hurrying and often heedless public. Just what departures will be adopted by the New York campaigners we cannot say, but we are sure that the measures enforced will be human and intelligent and artfully calculated to fulfill their purpose.

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Revenues—Last week, we had some observations to make upon the revenue

stamps, proprietary and documentary, whose use has been discontinued. Nothing was said about the third set of stamps, the wines and cordials, as we wished to secure more information in order to refer to them with a feeling of some authority. The radical difference in the application of the new act, in contrast with the old, is that the tax is not paid by the consumer, but at the source by the distiller or manufacturer. The tax on sparkling wines has been reduced from twenty cents to twelve cents a quart and consequently, a twelve cent stamp would seem a certainty. There is a possibility that tax paid stamps will be adopted for use in payment of the tax on still wines and we suppose in some way, the tax on sparkling wines could be tax paid, likewise. However, we shall soon know just how the provisions of the new enactment will be worked out in this regard.

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Old—One of those inconsequential items is going the rounds of the newspapers to the effect that three unused postage stamps, minus gum, were recovered in good condition from the carcass of a chicken. The issue of the stamps is not mentioned, but the stamps must have been of the early issues judging from the age of some chickens that come on the market.

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Sardinia—Sardinia is seldom seen in connection with stamps nowadays, but in the old albums and catalogues it made a brave showing. For instance, a catalogue note says: "From 1859 to 1862, the issues of the Kingdom of Sardinia were used provisionally in those States and parts of Italy which from time to time during that period were united with the Kingdom of Sardinia, until they were superseded by stamps for the Kingdom of Italy in 1862." Our friend, Mr. G. C. Cuenod, Galveston, Texas, in correcting a mistake in a recent number gives some interesting information on the subject, incidentally:—

"I could not help smiling when reading in your No. 1339 the article, 'Sardinian & Italian', quoted from the *Stamp Collector*. The writer believes that the so-called Sardinian stamps were used in the island of Sardinia exclusively. If he had opened any encyclopædia, he would have found that the Kingdom of Sardinia, re-organized in 1815, consisted of several provinces, Savoy, Torino, Alexandria, Genoa and Nizza (Nice) all on the Italian mainland, with a population of 4 to 5 millions, plus the island of Sardinia with about 500,000 inhabitants, mostly all farmers or fishermen. The Kingdom derived its name from the island, but was generally known as Piedmont.

Savoy, the cradle of the reigning house of Sardinia, and Nice, were ceded to France in 1860.

The stamps of Sardinia, Nos. 1 to 3 of Scott's are generally found cancelled with dots, but I have a cover of that issue (1851) stamped at Genoa (Genova), further my collection of Italy shows No. 4 cancelled by postmark 'Chiavari', No. 5, postmarked 'Novi', No. 7, postmarked 'Saluzzo', No. 8 postmarked 'Nizza' (Nice), No. 9, postmarked 'Genova' a pair of No. 13 postmarked 'Thonon' (now a French town on the lake of Geneva, opposite Lausanne, Switzerland). All the towns referred to are located on the mainland of the former Kingdom of Sardinia.

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THE STAMP DEALER AND HIS STOCK.

By BILL BLOSS.

CHAPTER VII—Buying.

This is the hardest feature of the stamp business, in the writer's opinion. In the first place, the small dealer is apt to over-stock or load up with a lot of junk that is practically impossible to dispose of; and much care is needed to prevent this. Secondly, it is far harder to buy desirable stamps than to sell them. Thirdly, buying the material is half the transaction, and costs must be watched very closely to prevent the profit from slipping away. I am firmly convinced that the dealer must use more "head-work" in buying than in selling, because poor stock is hard to turn, and good stock will sell itself in many instances. I believe that poor buying has wrecked more stamp dealers than "hard times." In the first place, stamp dealers rarely feel "hard times." At the present time the country is suffering a depression due to the European situation, yet the stamp dealers report from the various sections that they are finding business good.

As soon as a new dealer enters the market for stock, he is eagerly beset by wholesale houses everywhere, good, bad, and indifferent. Unfortunately for his purse, the new dealer will find that the undesirable dealers make considerably more effort than the better concerns to secure his money. He is offered large stocks of packets, collections (usually the made-to-order kind), and various wholesale items consisting of stamps that are a "drug on the market." Until he gets experience he is certain to take in a few of these so-called bargain offers, and will find that many of them are with him to stay. If he has bought too many, he is liable to retire from the business about as soon as he entered it, minus his capital, and a "small dealer's stock" will be offered in a coming auction sale to trap some other victim.

In Buying Stock,

the dealer should see his market for every item he buys, and if doubtful, he should consider same carefully before purchasing. "Feeling around" at first will often save severe losses. Of course, I do not mean to imply that the dealer should pass up any genuine bargains, but merely wish to caution him to be sure that they are bargains before buying. Many lots that appear excellent on the face, will turn out badly. There is really no fixed rule for buying stock. Many lots are cheap at half or three-quarters catalogue, and more are expensive at a tenth or a fifth.

We will, for convenience sake, consider that our new dealer has decided to carry a general line, but to specialize in the United States, which is, by the way, probably the most staple "specialty" in America. If he buys at first a large stock collection, as made up by the wholesale houses, he will find that he has practically every speculative stamp to be had, and practically no good United States. These former are to be had in great quantities at a little money, while the latter, in most instances, cannot be secured in quantity, even for a great deal of money. As a result of his purchase, he will find that he has to sacrifice many of the stamps in order to dispose of them, and that he has to turn down orders for his United States, by doing which, he loses his customers and his reputation as a United States specialist. Of course, when he decides to specialize, he will try to get in touch with as many customers as possible interested in his line.

Had he purchased instead

A Good United States Collection,

made up by a collector, and a smaller foreign collection, also made up by a collector, he would probably have more success in catering to the wants of his clients, as more staple stamps would be included, and fewer of the speculative. As a collector, and practically every dealer collects before dealing (and we will assume that our "example" has), our dealer learned which stamps were hard to get, and which were common. It is the hard-to-get stamp that is sought after. Therefore, it is that stamp that the dealer should stock. For instance, in stocking twentieth century America, I know that the 12c and 14c Chile, the 4c Peru and Uruguay, and 8c Bolivia, etc., are the scarce values, as also are the high values. Therefore, when any of these are offered me, I consider the cost compared to my selling price, the condition, and if satisfactory, I buy them. I am safe in buying quite a quantity of these values. However, if I lay in a stock of the 10c Chile, 5c Argentine, 5c Bolivia, etc., I will find that I have a supply of stamps that every collector has, and, as a result, I am liable to keep them, or be compelled to sacrifice them by making them up into packets. In buying single items, consider well whether the stamp is a scarce value or not. A great deal depends on

The Line the Dealer Decides to Carry.

If he intends to supply the boy collector through the medium of cheap approvals, let him seek large, showy stamps, cataloguing from 2c to 10c, seldom higher. In order to handle these at a profit, he should pay about one-fifth of catalogue, never higher, as it is necessary to sell them at 50% discount. If a greater discount is to be allowed, the stock should be purchased at a lower rate. At first sight, to buy a stamp at a fifth of catalogue, and to sell it at a half, appears to leave an enormous rate of profit for the dealer. However, by the time the dealer has considered his labor, advertising, postage, time, and also the ten per cent. he will lose by theft (my experience for two seasons in this line shows a loss of one lot in every ten), there is not a whole lot left for his profit. Therefore, it is necessary that he buy at a fifth or less. Speculative stamps often sell well through this medium, and when purchased at a low rate cannot cause a very heavy loss. Until the dealer "finds himself" in the business, he should be content with twenty-five or at the most fifty copies of a stamp. Buying in small quantities will insure him a larger variety and less aptitude of loss, should any particular item turn out badly. Most of this sort of stock can be purchased from the large wholesale houses advertising in the WEEKLY. Many of these dealers issue attractive price lists, and some few do an approval business on a wholesale basis. This last is advantageous for the small dealer inasmuch as it allows him the opportunity of viewing his stock before purchasing.

Purchasing Through Auction Sales

is a popular means of obtaining stock, but like all other sources, many ways are clear for the amateur to run onto the rocks. The more reliable firms are quite particular as to description, and until the dealer is experienced, he should confine his purchases to them. The question will arise as to how to decide whether or not a firm is reliable and that is one that cannot be answered through these columns, of course. Under present day competition, the auction houses have been compelled to give the buyer a fair description and to refund

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the money if unsatisfactory. Formerly, many ways were left clear in the terms of sale whereby the dealer could foist his undesirable on the unsuspecting public and leave no chance for recourse. As the field has enlarged, however, every dealer recognizes competition and knowing that his "business life" would be short and stormy if he did otherwise, he has discarded any little tricks and sells the stamps for what they are. There was more trouble formerly than of late.

In Buying at Auction,

remember that the collector will usually go for the single lots, and accordingly they will bring higher prices than the large assorted lots, containing too many duplicates for the collector. After the dealer has entered his bids on the lots he really wants, it is a good plan to place a few "flyers" on some of the other lots, with the possibility that the others will overlook them. Many desirable purchases are made in this way, as certain lots are always overlooked in a catalogue. The writer recently purchased a beautiful collection of a South American country, including recent issues, at less than face value, and at a large discount from catalogue. This lot was included in the wholesale section, and offered seventy varieties, all unused, and rated as perfection. A "flyer" on this lot resulted in the purchase of the lot at a price which enabled me to double my money easily.

Lots Described as Perfection,

fine, very fine, good, very good, are worthy of more consideration than those listed as fair, very fair, slightly defective, etc. Also, the rule seems to be in auction catalogues that when a stamp or lot is fine, the dealer will mention it. If no description is given, it may or may not be fine, usually not. Such a lot may be considered in good condition, however, as no statement to the effect that it is defective is made. Any lot so listed which proves defective

should be returned. Large lots do not permit of as accurate a description as smaller ones, hence a few more or less defective stamps may often be counted on. As the auction firms realize, like everyone else, that their success hinges on the satisfaction of the patron, nearly every firm is willing to make amends for any error in description, and practically all of them will go even more than half way to give satisfaction. Therefore, when you justly are not pleased, do justice to yourself and to the auction house by returning the lot.

A careful watch of the wholesale catalogues both at home and abroad, will often result in the purchase of many desirable items. Certain stamps common abroad are scarce here, and many times the dealer will find that he can import stamps he cannot secure in this country. It pays to keep an eye on the lists and on the philatelic press, to watch for stocks of remainders and stocks otherwise dumped on the market. Such a procedure usually foretells a slump in the price of the stamps in question.

The amateur should be very careful in buying mixtures, until he is sure of himself. Many of these mixtures contain a surplus of certain lines, resulting in over-stocking. Also, many contain a certain percentage of unsalable stamps often dead waste. I think that the firms of Powell, Ohlman, and many others are putting out some very good mixtures and packets. A good assortment, containing not too many of any one kind, offers a fine foundation for a stock.

A Basic Rule In Stamp Buying

should be "quality first." Poor copies are hard to dispose of, as a rule. Good stock is in demand. As in the case of United States early issue, and others of like popularity, there is not enough stock to be had to supply the demand. Don't be afraid to pay for good stamps, if you are sure that they are good. If a collection of early U. S. was offered me at a tenth of catalogue by a professional dealer, I should hesitate before I bought it, to see what was wrong. After you find the wants of your clients, go after the stamps to supply them. The better grade of stock you buy, the easier it will be to sell it, and the more money you will make. Sometimes a stamp bought at a half or a third of catalogue proves a far better investment than a stamp bought at a tenth. Insist on fine condition, and pay for it. When you sell, charge for it, according to your costs.

It is not the intent of this article to take up all the sources of buying. This has been done too many times, and there are other works on the market giving information on this subject. Dealers interested should address the publishers of this paper for their handbook, "How to Deal in Stamps." The price is one little dime (and I get no commission for selling it). These articles merely include some of my personal views and experiences, and are complete in no sense of the word.

STAMP MAN LOSES HIS PLUMS.

(Chas. A. Townsend of Akron, O., has recently played the role of the amateur detective according to the following clipping from the Akron "Beacon-Journal."—Ed.)

Have three influential men of West Hill reverted to boyhood habits of raiding orchards?

Charles A. Townsend, letter carrier, stamp collector and amateur gardener, who lives at 848 W. Market St., near Portage Path, would like to know.

His garden was visited two nights in succession by persons who trampled down the flowers and made way with choice plums.

The third night Townsend hid behind bushes. He surprised three men and got close enough to one to whack him over the back with a broom stick.

One man scrambled away in such haste that he dropped a golf club.

Townsend has the club and would like to meet the owner. He doesn't play golf himself, but would like to find out what golf player raids plum trees.

THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

CHAPTER XVII.

The "2 Cents" Provisionals.

One result of the Imperial Conference on Postal Rates held in London, in addition to the inauguration of Imperial Penny Postage, was to revive the agitation for the reduction of the domestic rate on postage in Canada from 3c to 2c on letters weighing one ounce or less. Indeed just prior to this Convention a bill in amendment of the Post Office Act had been assented to by Parliament under which it was agreed the reduced rate of postage should prevail, but no immediate steps were taken to enforce the reduction, it being left to the Governor General to name a date when the change should take effect. The establishment of Imperial Penny Postage, however, brought matters to a head, for it was a ridiculous state of affairs under which a charge of 3c had to be levied in carrying a letter from one town to another in Canada while 2c would carry a similar letter (if under half an ounce in weight) to any point in the British Isles. Consequently the Governor General named New Year's Day as the date when the reduced rate of domestic postage should come into force as shown by the following "Order in Council":—

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

By Proclamation dated the 29th day of December, 1898, in virtue of the Act further to amend the Post Office Act (61 Victoria, Chapter 20) and of an Order in Council in accordance therewith, it was declared that the postage rate payable on all letters originating in and transmitted by post for any distance in Canada for delivery in Canada, should be one uniform rate of two cents per ounce weight, from the 1st January, 1899.

The immediate effect of this change of rates was a vast increase in the demand for 2c stamps and a corresponding decrease in the use of the 3c. Also, to fall in line with Postal Union requirements a change of color was necessary, but this did not take place at once, the postal authorities preferring to follow their usual precedent of using up the old stamps first.

The 3c, which had been printed in large quantities, moved so slowly that the Post-Office Department decided that the only way the stock could be used up within a reasonable time would be to reduce the stamps to the value of 2c by means of a surcharge. This intention, as well as a change in the color of the regular 2c stamps, was set forth in a circular issued on July 1st, 1899, from which we extract the following:—

Owing to the reduction in the Domestic letter rate of postage, the issue of the 3c letter-card, the 3c stamped envelope, and the 3c postage stamp from the Department has ceased. Any unused 3c letter-cards, 3c stamped envelopes or 3c stamps, still extant, will, however, continue available for postal purposes, or may be exchanged at any Post Office, at their full face value, for postage stamps of other denominations.

The color of the Domestic-rate postage stamp, as prescribed by the Universal Postal Union, is red, and it is intended to discontinue the issue of the ordinary two-cents purple colored stamps as soon as the present supply on hand is exhausted. This will be about the 20th July, 1899. Thereafter the Department will issue two cents stamps in red, first, however, surcharging down to two cents the unused remnant of the three cents stamps in red, now in the possession of the Department, and as soon as the supply of such surcharged threes is exhausted, the issue of two cents stamps in red will begin. The surcharged stamps will be issued to Postmasters as 2c postage stamps and be recognised as postage stamps of that denomination.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

The official estimate of the time the then existing stock of 2c purple stamps would last was not far wrong for on July 20th the first of the surcharged labels were issued. The surcharge follows a somewhat peculiar arrangement the numeral "2" and "S" of CENTS being larger than the rest of the inscription, which is flat at the bottom and concave at the top. This distinctive type is said to have been adopted to make counterfeiting difficult, though it is hardly likely anyone would have reduced a 3c stamp to the value of 2c with the idea of defrauding the Government! Evidently the inscription was specially engraved and from it a plate was constructed so that a sheet of one hundred stamps could be overprinted at one operation. Some little variation will be found in the thickness of the type of the surcharge though whether this is due to the use of more than one plate or simply to overinking or wear is a doubtful matter. The normal position of the surcharge is horizontally across the bottom of the stamps but owing to poor register it is sometimes found much out of position, and specimens with the overprint across the centre of the labels have been recorded.

The surcharge was, at first, applied only to the 3c stamps of the numeral type but it was soon decided to also use up the unused remainders of the 3c "maple-leaf" design by surcharging them in the same manner. These stamps were first issued on August 8th. Both varieties are known with inverted surcharge. How many of each of these three cent stamps were surcharged is not known for certain as the official figures dealing with the issue of stamps makes no distinction between the two varieties. It is stated that altogether 4,120,000 were surcharged and as the varieties are equally plentiful it is only reasonable to suppose that approximately equal numbers of both types were used up.

Reference List.

Stamps of 1897 and 1898 surcharged "2 CENTS" in black.

71. 2c on 3c carmine: "maple leaf", Scott's No. 84.
72. 2c on 3c carmine "numeral", Scott's No. 85.

CHAPTER XVIII.

The Bi-sected Provisionals.

The somewhat sudden reduction of the domestic postal rate from 3c to 2c on single letters led to the production of a few provisional stamps of peculiar character at Port Hood, N. S., the postmaster of that town dividing some of his 3c stamps into two unequal portions and using the smaller parts as 1c and the larger ones as 2c. In the *Monthly Journal* for January, 1899, they are referred to as follows:—

In some offices 1c and 2c stamps ran short, and their places were supplied by one-third and two-thirds portions of 3c stamps divided vertically. In some places our correspondent says, these divided stamps were employed without further alteration, but in others we regret to hear that they were surcharged with a figure "2" in purple, upon the figure "3" of the larger portion or the word "one" in green, upon the smaller part; or, to further complicate matters, when thirds of two adjoining stamps were used for 2c each part was impressed with a figure "2." Our informant's letter is franked in part by ⅔ of a 3c stamp surcharged "2" so we fear that this horrible tale is founded on fact.

In the same journal for March further reference is made to these provisionals, viz.:—

The surcharged fractions appear to have been used only at Port Hood, N. S., where the Postmaster apparently did not consider it safe to use divided stamps without some distinguishing mark. We have seen other copies

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since, and find that a figure "1" was struck upon the smaller portion; not the word "one" as previously stated. Again in the April number of the same paper these split stamps are referred to:—

In reference to the cut and surcharged 3c stamps, a correspondent sends us the following extract from a letter from the postmaster of Port Hood:—"When the change in Canadian postage was made—of which we got notice by wire—I had only a very few two cent stamps in stock, so that before I got my supply from Ottawa I ran completely out of them, and, to keep my account straight, I was compelled to cut threes. This was for one day only, and not over 300 stamps were cut. I would say about 200 '2' and 100 '1' were used. About 100 '2' and probably nearly as many '1' were marked with the figures '2' and '1' as you describe, and were placed on letters for delivery in towns throughout the Dominion. Those were the only provisional stamps used by this office."

Once more, in June, the *Monthly Journal* refers to the philatelically notorious Port Hood office:—

A correspondent tells us that the surcharged provisionals were not the first instances of the use of the scissors at Port Hood, an envelope emanating from that office and bearing the half of the 2c stamp, divided diagonally, having been found with the date July 27th, 1898. We do not know what the regulations are in Canada on the subject of receiving postage in cash, but we should suppose that if a postmaster runs out of 1c stamps, receives postage on certain letters, in cash, and then, to save an entry in his accounts, cuts 2c stamps in half and affixes the halves to the letters, it would not be considered a very heinous offence, and it would account for curiosities of this kind occasionally turning up.

But Port Hood does not seem to have been the only office in which the scissors were used, for the following letter from the *Montreal Philatelist* shows that stamps were bisected at at least one other office. In this instance the postmaster divided 5c stamps as well as the 3c though, apparently, he did not apply any surcharge to the fractions:—

CROSS ROAD, COUNTRY HARBOR,
April 17th, 1900.

Dear Sir,—Your enquiry re stamps to hand. At the time you mention the 2c postage was given us so suddenly that I was about out and all my neighbour P. M. was also out and as I could only charge the public 2c I could not afford to put on a 3c stamp so cut 3c and 5c to about even the thing up and sent them along. Three or four days' letters were mailed in this way, but I do not know where they went to.

Yours very truly,
E. S. SWEET, Postmaster.

The same journal in referring to the Port Hood provisionals makes some interesting comments which are worth reproduction, viz.:—

This postmaster must be a relic of the anti-confederation regime, when such mutilations were allowed, as even an entire absence of the required values would not warrant, under present regulations, this antiquated process. In such cases the postmaster should forward the money to the office on which his mail is forwarded with a request to affix the necessary stamps; he can handstamp or write the amount paid on each letter if desired, but that is not necessary. As

these fractional provisionals of the Port Hood P. O. were never issued to the public, but were affixed by the postmaster and the amount paid stamped on them, they are no more deserving of collection as postage stamps than the hand stamp or pen mark on an envelope would be if no stamp or portion of a stamp had been affixed. If it is asked "Why cut up and affix the stamps then?" the answer is the postmaster knew no better and wanted to make his cash account correspond with the total of stamps sold and on hand. He tried to simplify his book-keeping—nothing more—but went about it in an antiquated and unlawful way.

While genuine copies of these splits on original covers are interesting curiosities their philatelic value is not of the greatest importance, for they were, seemingly, never sold to the public but simply affixed by the postmaster after he had received payment in cash, to simplify his accounts. They were certainly not authorised and if they had been detected at the larger offices they would not have passed as valid for postage.

In concluding our notes with regard to these cut stamps we reproduce a letter from the Post Office Department in reply to a collector who had made enquiry about the validity of the splits:

P. O. Dept., OTTAWA,

March 30th, 1904.

In reply to your letter of the 24th March, re stamps '1' in blue, on $\frac{1}{2}$ of 3, and '2' in violet on $\frac{2}{3}$ of 3 cents, I beg to say that the Superintendent of the Stamp Branch assures me that no such stamps were ever issued or recognised by this Department, and if affixed to letters would be treated as ordinary mutilated stamps of no value. It appears that the Postmaster of Port Hood, N. S., at the time of the change of rate found himself short of 2 cents stamps, and, acting on the advice of some stamp fiend apparently, cut up a sheet or so of stamps to make twos and ones. He nearly lost his job over it, but the Department never got hold of any of the mutilated stamps. Anybody could make similar stamps by cutting up and marking old threes. Hoping this may be satisfactory to you,

Yours, etc.,
W. H. HARRINGTON.

Reference List.

The 3c stamp of 1898 divided vertically and each portion surcharged with a new value.

- 73. 1(c) in blue on one-third of 3c carmine, Scott's No. 85A.
- 74. 2(c) in violet on two-thirds of 3c carmine, Scott's No. 85B.

CHAPTER XIX.—The 2c Carmine.

According to the Post Office circular quoted in our last chapter the issue of the 2c stamp in carmine—or red, as the color was officially termed—was to begin when the supply of surcharged 3c stamps was exhausted. The new 2c stamp was eventually placed on sale on August 20th, 1899, and it is, of course, exactly like the same value previously issued in purple in all respects except that of color. The same plates were used and later many new ones were put to press. No accurate record of the different plates used for this denomination has been kept but, in addition to plates 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 listed by Mr. Howes, there were probably many others.

In 1900 Canada followed the lead of many other countries by issuing the 2c value in convenient booklet form. The Postmaster-General's Report for 1900 refers to these booklets as follows:—

In the month of June, 1900, the department commenced the issue to Postmasters, of a small book of 2 cent postage stamps, containing 12 stamps, disposed on two sheets of 6 stamps each, and interleaved with wax paper to prevent adhesion of the sheets. The size of the book is such as to make it convenient to be carried in the pocket or pocket-book. Printed

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These stamp books were first placed on sale on June 11th and they rapidly came into public favor as is evidenced by the increasing sales every year since. Mr. Howes tells us that "the books are about two by three inches in size, with stiff cardboard covers which are bound together by red cloth. The coat-of-arms of Canada with the words CANADA POSTAGE beneath are engraved in red on the front cover, while inside are four pages of postal information and the two sheets of six stamps each—three horizontal pairs—backed by leaves of paraffined tissue paper."

Reference List.

Aug. 20th, 1899. Engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Co., Ottawa. No Wmk. Perf. 12.

- 75. 2c carmine, Scott's No. 86.

CHAPTER XX.—The 20c Value of 1900.

On the 29th of December, 1900, a 20c value was added to the numeral series, its advent being quite unannounced. The large 20c stamps of 1893 had been finally used up and the new label not only conformed to the others of the series in design but also took on a new color—olive-green in place of scarlet.

It was printed from the usual style of line-engraved plate with the usual sheet arrangement of 100 stamps arranged in ten horizontal rows of ten each, with the imprint and plate number in the centre of the top margin. Only one plate—numbered "1"—seems to have been used and Mr. Howes tells us that "an examination of the stamp accounts during its term of life make it appear probable that approximately 500,000 were issued."

Reference List.

Dec. 29th, 1900. Engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Co., Ottawa. No Wmk. Perf. 12.

- 76. 20c olive-green, Scott's No. 87.

(To be continued.)

MOST INTERESTING STAMP ISSUED.

(United Stamp Co. Herald.)

In our opinion we have to go beyond the bounds of our own country to find this stamp, even though a sense of patriotism would make us wish otherwise. But from a philatelic standpoint we must yield the palm to the one penny red stamp of 1864 of Great Britain. More legitimate varieties may

be found of this stamp than of any other ever issued. Just to begin with there are 151 different plates of it, each bearing its own plate number as a part of the design. Then every stamp in each sheet of 240 bears a different combination of letters in the corners. This gives us 36,240 legitimate varieties to collect to begin with: One does not need to collect any other countries, there is field enough right here in this one stamp.

Let anyone think we are joking, we will state that we know of collectors who are endeavoring to make the collection enumerated above, although it may seem a Herculean task. Even to complete one sheet of any one plate is a great task and when it comes to getting the 240 varieties of plate 225, which is the scarce one, we believe that no one has ever yet attained it; in fact, this stamp, catalogued at \$3.50, is lacking in most collections even as single specimen. The first step is the collecting of the different plate numbers and this is a comparatively easy matter if one has a large quantity to look over, except for the last plate, 225. A thousand mixed stamps will ordinarily yield the whole lot except the one rare one. We well remember a humorous incident of our earlier collecting days. It will be noticed that there is no plate number 126, but in drawing and numbering the spaces for a set we overlooked this and included it. We laboriously went over a lot of 10,000 with a glass looking for this stray number, having found all the others in the first thousand or so. Then we turned to our catalogue to see if this was priced very high and discovered there was no such number. Try a search of 10,000 if you want to realize how sore we were with ourselves.

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The authorities had not intended to surcharge this 1 1/2d stamp, but the people have gotten the habit of using the 1d and 1/2d, and continue to do so, instead of making use of the 1 1/2d. It is desired to discontinue the 1/2d War Stamp now that the combined rate stamp is available—and the surcharging is to draw attention to the fact that one stamp may now be used instead of two as formerly. The 1 1/2d surcharged stamp was issued Sept. 1st, and there are the usual varieties—no period, small "P", etc.

STAMP NOTES AND NEWS.

British Honduras.—The whole stock of 1c stamps with moire overprint has been withdrawn to be overprinted with the word "War". The ordinary 1c stamps now in use are without overprint of any kind.

Cameroons.—This former German Colony now appears to be administered by France alone, the French Colonial stamps of Middle Congo having been overprinted "Cameroun Occupation Francaise," the denominations issued are as follow: 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c and 1 franc. These stamps were put on sale in Paris, and were all sold out within a few days.

Chinese Turkestan.—The long expected parcel of these interesting stamps has at last arrived, and we are making a complete distribution at new issue rates. The stamps are the current issue of China, overprinted with five Chinese characters in black, except the \$1, on which the overprint is in red. The stamps are in sheets of 200, there is a variety of overprint on every sheet, the last stamp on the third row, the left half of the fourth Chinese character being missing, no doubt due to an accident to the type. The overprint signifies "For use in Sinkiang".

Danish West Indies.—Owing to the expected sale of these Islands to the United States considerable demand has arisen for the postage stamps, and we advise collectors to fill up their blanks as soon as possible, as prices are bound to appreciate.

Hong Kong.—We are officially informed that the 12c stamps are exhausted, and that no more will be issued, as this value is not required.

Jamaica.—We have received supplies of the 1/2d and 3d War stamps, which will be included in our September distribution. The 3d stamps are on paper coloured throughout, the Postmaster has refused to supply us with even a single copy of the 3d stamps with white backs, notwithstanding that we sent a remittance for them as soon as they were issued to the public.

North Borneo.—Three provisional stamps have been issued overprinted on the issue of 1909, 2c on 3c, 4c on 6c, and 10c on 12c. A remittance which we sent to the Postmaster General of North Borneo has been returned with the information that the stamps were all sold locally, that there were only a few thousand issued to meet with bona-fide necessities, owing to the loss of the stock on board the s. s. "Persia".—Whitfield King & Co's List.

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THE INTEREST AND PHILATELIC VALUE OF PLATING.

By A. J. WARREN.

Personally I would have liked to add the words "and perforations," but one is a little shy of alluding to any such matters just now.

Those who know me are aware that "entre les deux mon coeur balance," and to judge from the position that some would assign to "perforations," this balancing between the two enables me as I pass from one to the other to enjoy in a special manner the whole gamut of philatelic music—shades of colour, changes of colour, methods of printing, errors, retouches, dates of issue, etc., etc. For I certainly place "plating" at the apex, the zenith of philatelic work.

"Plating" belongs, of course, essentially to the earliest period of stamp production, to the time when each stamp on a plate was a separate impression from a die, and in this early work each one frequently presented to an enquiring mind special peculiarities of its own, distinguishing it from its neighbours. To the general collector these older stamps are chiefly of interest from the many varieties of shade arising from the irregular work of those early days when apparently a "blue" or "red" was but a "blue" or "red," whether light or dark or otherwise "hyphenated." But once the general collector has, as he surely will, become specially attracted to one country or group, these very points will attract his special attention and lead him on to further study of these older issues and how they were made.

The fact that these stamps were divided up for use by scissors and not by perforations, and that these scissors were but too often used in a hurry and with a careless disregard of the morrow, some pairs or strips being cut off vertically, others horizontally, now from one end of the row, now from the other end, with the margin and without, cutting into a stamp or snicking off a bit of its neighbour—oh! all very unsightly for a place in a tidy collection, but extremely helpful for the piecing together again of the original block, whether it be of nine, sixteen, twenty-five, or a hundred pieces. Those handlers of scissors in the long ago were kinder-hearted than they knew, and those collectors who yearn only for well-centred copies will understand that even the wrecks have their use!

But even with well-centred stamps of these early days, besides the many changes in shades of colour, the collector has also to deal with the evidences of much work effected upon the plate before being put to the press, and this work, as with the Dutch stamps, was often rather roughly done; and in some cases, with printings from worn plates and the retouches effected upon them, forming a "later state of the plate." A "worn plate," as with Belgium, a "worn plate," "retouched" once, nay twice, as with the early "Sydney" or a plate "retouched" in the beginning, and once for all as with "Holland." Truly a most interesting and varied study.

Of course, this is "study" and not merely collecting. Indeed it is rather the antithesis of ordinary collecting of current issues, i. e., clean, unused stamps for the clean unused of these early times are, for the most part, rare and expensive. It is a study of early struggles and endeavours often foiled by bad material and also by bad workmanship. The inferiority of the metal of which the plates were made produced in many cases blurs or lines between the rows, and these form an active guide in reconstruction.

The very defects of these early line-engraved stamps facilitate the study of them and the reconstruction of the plates, so that this work ceases to be of a recondite nature, but can be undertaken by any assiduous worker with a little spare time and good eyesight for minute details and defects.

In some cases the original plates have been found or rendered available for philatelic study, while in others large blocks of remainders have been unearthed, but in others again no such help is forthcoming, as in the case of Holland, in which I am specially interested, and where we have had to learn everything from the face of the stamps themselves. The success attained in this latter case is perhaps all the sweeter.

To look back over what one was inclined to aver a few years ago is both to realise we have learnt much, but also to convince us that we have still much to learn regarding these older stamps and the manner of their production; and it is to be hoped that rising generations will not be content with what others have done, but prove once more that they can advance the cause. I would like to indicate the directions in which further research would be profitable, but I hope to carry on in my own special line a little longer, and then hand it on to others with the consciousness that they will find out what has still to be done.

The stamps of what I call the second period are not so readily brought into the magic of plating, partly because the "side" aids in the case of the line-engraved stamps were generally wiped out by the newly-introduced perforations, and partly because with surface printing the interest and value—one might even often say the possibility—of plating disappears. And yet, in making up the plate for the first issue of Dutch Indies, 10c lake, I was greatly helped by two strips of the perforated issue, which showed the kink at the top of the fourth vertical, so that I knew exactly where they must come in the row, and was gradually able to discover in which row they would be at home. In this case "perforations" were a help, and in the case of the second or 1864 issue for Holland they would partly help and greatly hinder—to search for the "side" helps in these line-engraved stamps when partly obliterated by perfs., and that over a continuous sheet of 200 stamps, is at present a little beyond my powers.

I should like it to be understood that I cannot claim to be an authority on plating, but only a learner. I am learning to plate, and thus studying the methods of construction, and trying to understand why certain results appear, not always apparently strictly in accordance with official descriptions.

Now that I have devoted myself more particularly to the plating of the early Dutch stamps, I would like to emphasise the fact that the great interest I had formerly taken, not only in perforations but also in postal methods and cancellations, as well as in getting the shades of colour arranged in their proper sequence, has proved in many cases of great assistance. I am greatly strengthened in my belief that every collector should as he goes along always study even minor points connected with his stamps, and never listen to anyone who would persuade him that this, that, or the other is unnecessary, "too much" or futile!—Stamp Collectors' Annual.

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Pres. J. M. Bartels called meeting to order, it was decided to participate in the get-together dinner, which was being planned by all the stamp societies of greater New York, Messrs. Bartels, Staeb & Mouhib were selected to act as a committee, in conjunction with other committees. Mr. Percy McG. Mann showed his aeroplane service, which was very interesting and instructive, showing the various cancellations and posters used by the different governments to commemorate the occasion. Eight members and two visitors were present.

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When sending in her adv. copy this week Mrs. L. W. Kellogg states that she has had the pleasure of a brief visit from Mrs. E. W. Oughtred. Mrs. Kellogg expresses her keen enjoyment of the Boston convention and the hospitality extended. In our book publishing efforts this winter we hope to use Mrs. Kellogg's bureau of auction pricings which she is featuring.

L. T. Brodstone writes us that on his trip east he got into an auto accident on Nassau St., N. Y. City. He was laid up for ten days or more and this accounts for the delay in issuing his publication, the "Philatelic West." It will shortly appear.

Charles H. Stone of Cambridge, Mass., enters the ranks of auction dealers this week, as will be seen by his advertisement elsewhere. Mr. Stone is not very well known to our newer subscribers, but he is a long-time dealer in stamps and has given special attention to envelopes.

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A perusal of our columns this week will reveal the fact that many of our old advertisers are again on deck. W. W. Walsh, Halifax, N. S., L. V. Lindsey, Norwich, N. Y., Simon Haas of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., and Emily King of Halifax, N. S., advertised regularly last season. H. H. A. Fox, Oswego, N. Y., and B. Max Mehl, of Fort Worth, Texas, also have advertisements of interest.

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CHAPTER IV.—The One Centavo.

This stamp is in purple, the first printings in bright colors, but later they became dull and smeary and the design blurred, and the last printings were but little better than a dirty black, having the appearance of a poor, home-made ink.

There appears never to have been but one pane of three stamps horizontally by seven vertically, of this value, set in type,—hence two impressions were necessary on each sheet and the two halves of the sheet are frequently in different colors. Care was taken that both halves were printed erect and no tete-beches occur. Any peculiarity that occurs in one pane is repeated in the corresponding stamp in the other pane. It was necessary, at various times, to correct errors or repair damage to the forms, and when this was done, the forms for the individual stamps were not put back in their original positions, and it is quite noticeable that stamps with marked peculiarities change position in the sheet.

In the earliest impressions, the numeral in the SW. Cor. of 31 and of 34 is broken and looks like a broken slug and the numeral is entirely omitted from the SE. Cor. of 37 and of 40.

A little later the forms were shifted and this same peculiarity of a numeral, looking like a broken slug, occurs in the SW. Cor. of 27 and of 30; and the numeral in the SW. Cor. of 26 and of 29 shows as a mere dot and in the SE. Cor. of 14 and of 17 shows as a mere trace, or does not show at all.

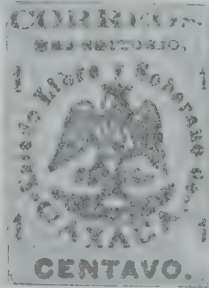
In the consignment to the postoffice of Oaxaca on August 14, 1915, there were two sheets that were perforated vertically only and three sheets that were imperforate; there were also some found imperforate horizontally and with but four rows of vertical perforations.

In the last, blurred, impressions, not only was the ink poor, but the press work was also poor and the forms not always evenly set and some figures and letters sometimes do not show at all, sometimes show faintly and sometimes

clearly in the same positions: For example, the "C" is missing from "CORREOS" in No. 32 and the "S" in No. 33; the numeral is missing from the SW. and NW. Cor. of No. 32 and from the SW. Cor. of No. 37. In this last printing the numeral is omitted from the SE. Cor. of No. 38 and of No. 41.

CHAPTER V.—The Two Centavos.

These are in yellow green, the first impressions bright and clear, but the ink used for the last printing was far from adaptable to the work and the impression is blurred and smeary and very poor and the background very faint. The 2 cent. was first sold on July 2, 1915.



Design of the Oaxaca Stamps.

This value appears to have been printed with but one impression for each sheet of forty-two stamps; there is no variation in color between the two halves of the sheets nor do the peculiarities found on one side appear on the corresponding stamps on the other half.

First Printing.—In the first setting there were dashes under many of the numerals:—nine stamps lacked these dashes entirely, eight had them under the SW. numeral only, nine had them under the SE. numeral only, fourteen had them under both of the lower numerals and but two stamps had them under both of the left hand numerals.

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A very peculiar thing is an albino numeral in the SE. Cor. of No. 15, which was quite persistent; the numeral is clearly impressed in the paper, but for some reason did not ink.

This printing is known with a faint double impression.

Second Printing.—The forms were re-set, omitting the dashes under the numerals.

Through part of this printing, the numeral was omitted from the SW. Cor. of No. 13.

There are two sheets found with a faint double impression.

The "O" of "OAXACA" is spread open in No. 35.

This printing is found imperforate horizontally, double perforate and perforate ten.

Last Printing.—Very poor ink, giving blurred and smeary impression; background faint. The forms were in very bad condition, the gum very thin.

The "C" is missing from "CORREOS" in No. 1, No. 36 and No. 37, and shows but a speck of color in No. 3, No. 4, No. 8, No. 13 and No. 26.

CHAPTER VI.—The Three Centavos.

These are supposed to be orange brown, but they vary greatly, and particularly in the depth of color in the background.

The numeral in the NW. Cor. No. 2 was inverted in the early printing, but was later corrected. Albino numerals are found on the left side of No. 23 and No. 38, they are deeply impressed in the paper but did not take ink. There is a faint double impression known. They are also found with the ten perforation horizontally.

In the last printing the ink is dull, the impression blurred, the gum very thin, and the forms in bad shape.

The "C" is missing from "CORREOS" in Nos. 1, 4, 31, 32, 37 and 38 and shows but faintly in Nos. 8, 13, 23, 25, 26, 27 and 40.

The three cent. were all printed from a setting of the complete sheet of forty-two stamps; the peculiarities are not uniform in the two halves of the sheet and they are not found with different shades of color in the same sheet.

CHAPTER VII.—The Five Centavos.

The 5 cent. is supposed to be yellow but the color varies more than in any of the others,—buff and orange predominating. This was the first value made and was put on sale in the afternoon of June 26, 1915.

First Printing.—The first forms were set in a pane of twenty-one stamps,—three stamps wide by seven high. When one-half of the sheet was printed, the paper was reversed in the press and the other half printed from the same form, in the same position,—resulting in the two halves of the sheet being tete-beche

with seven tete-beche pairs, vertically, through the middle of the sheet. This method was changed on July 5th and the stamps were printed so that both sides were erect.

In this first setting the numerals were in large, heavy type; the forms were soon reset with a lighter numeral. While the forms were being changed there were nearly a hundred sheets printed, in which one half was printed from the old forms and the other half from the new forms. It seems strange, but in these sheets, showing both types, the old type is clearer than the new one. Beginning on July 26, all stamps delivered to the postoffice were of the new type.

The color of the first printing is a quite uniform buff. Copies are known, with the background misplaced, showing "CORREOS" on a white ground.

Second Printing.—The background varies from a faint tint to a deep, dull yellow, and the design varies still more, but is mostly buff, orange, or red orange. The gum varies from heavy to the very thin gum, used in the latest work. The perforation is mostly twelve, but the ten is also found. There were a few sheets imperforate, and imperforate vertically. An occasional double perforation is found. They are known with the background shifted, showing "CORREOS" or "CORREOS TRANSITORIO" on a white ground and also with a faint double impression.

The combination of this type with the first type is the only instance noted where this second type was printed a half sheet at a time; all the others of this type appear to have been printed in one impression for the entire sheet, as evidenced by the uniformity of color and impression over the entire sheet; and the two halves are not printed from the same form as is evidenced by the fact that the peculiarities of one half are not repeated on the other half.

CHAPTER VIII.—The Ten Centavos.

The ten cent. is printed in two colors: the eagle and the numerals in red and the inscriptions and the border in dull blue, with the background tinted a very light blue.

There is but one real error in the ten cent.; the numeral "1" is omitted from the SE. Cor. of No. 39. There are several other places in the lower part of the sheet where the numeral "1" sometimes does not show, or shows very faintly,—due to depressed or broken type.

There appears to have been but one printing. Two sheets have been found with blue ruling vertically of the stamps and black column ruling horizontally of the stamps,—this in place of the printed forms mostly used.

This ten cent. stamp was issued on October 26, 1915, and completes the series.

Errors in perforation are quite likely to effect three sheets the same as they apparently, usually, perforated that number together. The ten perforation is always ragged.

The forms, from which these stamps were printed, were turned over to the postal authorities about December 15, 1915, and are supposed to have been destroyed.

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Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Prof. Frank Dempster Sherman, head of the department of graphics of the School of Architecture at Columbia University since 1904, died Sept. 19 following an operation for appendicitis. He was 56 years old. Prof. Sherman enjoyed a national reputation as a poet and was a noted genealogist. We do not know the extent of his stamp collecting activities, but we recognize the name of Prof. Sherman as having been upon our mailing list for years.

—W. Ward of England who will be remembered as a former contributor to the WEEKLY writes us that he has just returned to civilian life after nearly two years in the British Expeditionary Force in France. He was discharged because of injuries. He gave up his stamp store in Manchester at the beginning of the war and both of his assistants also enlisted.

—F. W. McCreery of Rockville, Conn., wishes us to call the attention of his patrons to the fact that he has passed through a severe illness and is now on the road to recovery. He has been com-

pelled temporarily to discontinue his stamp business, but hopes to resume in the very near future. Any matters of correspondence held over will be given immediate attention.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from John McKittrick, M. Casper (2), I. B. Robinson (2), Claude B. Vail, "B. S. W."

—At the suggestion of the Western Philatelic Association a "Get-Together" banquet of all collectors around the Bay Cities was held at the German House, San Francisco, September 15, when one of the largest gatherings of the kind assembled. An informal supper, provided by the committee of arrangements, was enjoyed, after which speeches were made by various well-known collectors and dealers, a stamp auction held and an ment thoroughly appreciated by all who were present. A resolution was passed to hold several such meetings every year.

—The annual election of officers of the San Francisco Stamp Society was held, September 4, and the following were re-elected: President, Henry J. Seiler; Vice Pres., Chas. W. Arp; Sec-Treas., Donald Piercy; Auction and Sales Manager, Edwin P. Seeborn; Librarian, Oliver G. Beardslee. The Secretary-Treasurer's report showed a flourishing condition, total membership being 52 with an average attendance for the last six months of 23.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

High—Several correspondents have written to assure us that blocks of dollar denominations up to sixteen dollars are not uncommon. Large blocks of one dollar parcel post stamps have been cited and we assume that they have paid first class postage as the limit of weight of first class mail is fifty pounds in the first and second zones, as calculated for fourth class matter. It may be seen how large used blocks come to pass. If we analyze closely the possibilities for the use of many high values, it is to be seen that there are opportunities despite weight limitations. For instance, currency from Washington until recently could be sent regardless of weight with payment of postage in stamps but latterly the use of "Permits" has dispensed with the stamps. Postage, etc., stamps are not subjected to the limit of four pounds; and "printed or written official matter weighing in excess of four pounds, emanating from any of the departments of the government or the Smithsonian Institution" may be accepted for mailing at other post offices when the postage is paid thereon.

Thus—A reader who was interested in our description of thirty or forty stamps of Guatemala, ten centavos, on a cover writes to inquire how it was possible that an ordinary letter could require so much postage. The letter rate postage for the first weight unit from

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Varied—From Mr. Thiede, Appleton, Wisconsin, we have received a portion of the cover of a package on which the two stamps are practically blotted out by the cancellation; the cancelling pad was "worked out" with a vengeance in this case. This is the extremest example that we have seen for a long time. From McAllen, Texas, we have received a picture postal card on which a vertical half of a two cent stamp pays the one cent postage. The official seals now come black on pink paper. A caller has shown us a pair of the fifty dollar documentary revenue used.

Haiti—A valued correspondent in commenting upon references recently to Haitian stamps and political affairs in this column speaks of the turbulence that has distracted the country for some years past. Many of our readers are aware that since our government sent Admiral Caperton to Haiti, our country has practically maintained a protectorate over Haiti. We have assumed control of the customs and finances and our good offices are manifest in keeping Darguenave in the chair of president. Several years ago, the legitimate president, Oreste, was overthrown by Zamor in conspiracy with Theodor. Zamor soon squelched the ambitions of Theodor and became absolute in power through means that are said to have been autocratic and barbarous. While Darguenave with our support is restoring comparative tranquility to the distracted country, yet rapine and sedition have not been wholly suppressed. The recent stamp issues reflect the unsettled conditions of Haiti and our informant hints that if the truth were known about these emissions, some remarkable stories would become known, albeit the postal authorities have a clean bill of health from surface indications, having met emergencies with some degree of resourcefulness and legitimate enterprise. We trust that our correspondent will inform us further on the subject of the Haitian stamps with "stories".

Bequests—A suggestion has been made that we say something in our columns about a subject that in all probability has never been advanced openly heretofore. Why should not collectors when circumstances allow bequeath their albums to collecting companions? Of course, usually it is inexpedient to dispose of a valuable collection in this way, as a proceeding of the kind would not be fair to the estate of the decedent although, if the collector were very wealthy, he could conscientiously consult his own option in the case and bestow the collection on a surviving philatelic friend, if he cared to do so. However, it is the great middle-class collectors that we have in mind. In many instances these collectors, while possessing interesting albums have not sufficient stamps to make an impression in auction circles and there may be some sentiment against closing out the stamps to a dealer. The owner who feels that these conditions apply to his case could consider the idea of leaving his stamps to a philatelic pal with satisfaction.

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Dumb—We have heard nothing further of the organization in New York City of the big company that almost at once is to be destined to take front rank in commercial philately. We have heard indirectly of developments but we prefer to speak only with that assurance that comes with first hand information. We regard the enterprise with favorable interest and at any rate it merely is a question of time before some sharp mind will see that liberal and modern methods will have their fruition in a business that not alone will achieve first place, but deserve it, as well.

Fiasco—We have refrained from dwelling on the Long Island issues of type-written British provisional occupation stamps; and it is just as well that the echoes of the scandal did not carry to our shores. These type-written labels, *a la* Uganda, were touted by claquers *ad nauseum* before they were emphatically and categorically repudiated by the postmaster-general of England. The unsavory affair has given us a shock and our faith in the purity of the motives of several of the philatelic personages of England has been jolted. It is reprehensible enough to bolster up suspicious issues in ordinary times, but it seems almost incredible that the possibility, nay, assurance of profit out of questionable issues could blind the mind of average decency to the wrong of using the war as a pretext for courting the favor of the buying public. There has been some tall explaining to account for the lapses that lead to the unhappy *denouement* and we must believe that the foisting of the Long Island issues on the market was not a coldly calculated plot to bilk collectors.

FORGERY OF NAME AND S. P. A. NUMBER.

H. M. Norton, 48 E. 4th St., St. Paul, Minn., sends us the particulars of the forgery of his name and S. P. A. number in a recent stamp transaction. From Sept. 11-14 he received various pieces of mail addressed to him at 648 E. 14th St., two of these being by registered mail. We quote from Mr. Norton's letter:—"That they were delivered to me was due to the fact that I am the only H. M. Norton in the city, am well known at the Post Office, and there is no 648 on E. 14th St. I wrote two of the dealers each of whom sent me their original letters.

Some days since the P. O. had a request from Pine City, Minn., to forward any mail that might come addressed to H. M. Norton at 648 E. 14th St., St. Paul, but the address being incorrect the local office wrote to Pine City for a better order, and the letter was returned with the statement that the party could not be found."

Mr. Norton is of the opinion that he knows the party who used his name, in view of comparisons in handwriting that he has been able to make, and as he is a member of the S. P. A. it is possible that action may be taken by that society. We mention these facts as stated by Mr. Norton for the public good.

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THE STAMP DEALER AND HIS STOCK.

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CHAPTER VIII—What of New Issues?

The question, whether to buy new issues or not, is one that confronts every collector and dealer at some time or other. The beginner picks up his catalogue and notes, for instance, that the shilling Cayman Islands, black on green paper, issued in 1909, watermarked Single CA catalogues \$1.75. He knows that this stamp would cost him at least 75c, and more probably \$1.50. At best, he would pay two hundred per cent. over face for it at the present time. Purchased at 30c through a new issue service at the time of issue, this stamp would have realized a profit of probably three times the original price. The collector wonders if it would not be a good idea to buy all stamps at the time they are issued. He considers the matter in detail and studies the various new issue price lists. He finally draws his conclusion that new issues pay or do not pay. Usually he decides that certain new issues cannot fail to bring splendid returns on the money invested, and he soon learns by experience which class of countries to collect. The

New Issues of British Colonials

are almost sure to increase rapidly in value. Very few remainders have been put upon the market by any of the colonies. The Edwardian issues have proven to be excellent purchases at the new issue rates. The Colonial Color Scheme sets of the Edwardian stamps have already started to climb upward in the catalogue, and in some instances, they will not stop until they have reached heights too dizzy for the average collector. The 5 shilling Gold Coast King Edward, issued in the new color scheme, was distributed less than two years ago at new issue rates of \$1.37 to \$1.50. To-day this stamp brings \$12.50 to \$15.00, and is very scarce at that.

Even the Georgian Issues

have increased considerably in some instances. The stamps with white backs, or rather, on surface colored paper, are beginning to show signs of becoming obsolete, and hence, will soon increase at a speed depending upon the demands of collectors, and judging from the demand for stamps with slight differences in watermark and varieties of less importance than these "white backs", they will bring some very fancy prices in some cases. British Colonials have an established face value. The increases in value have so far exceeded losses by demonetization, or disposal of remainders, that the objections can scarcely be noticed.

Buying the

New Issues of Other Countries,

however, is quite another story. The South American and Southern European countries are not, as a rule, good purchases on a face value basis, for the reason that as fast as a new set is issued (which is sometimes once or twice a year) the old series is made invalid for postal use, is cancelled-to-order, or even sold unused, and the high values are worth but a few cents more than the lowest value. The Portuguese Colonials have appreciated in value to quite an extent in many instances, but on the other hand, include a host of speculative sets issued to separate the easy philatelist

from his good money, and as it is the habit of the money-loving Portuguese to use up every remainder by applying a new surcharge, or by cancelling whole issues to order, one can never tell when that government will decide to dispose of the remainders without treating them to a new value, thus saving the additional cost of printing, but hitting the fellow who bought them at their face value.

The French Colonials Are Clean

in general, but quantities are sold from Paris to collectors, so they are easy to obtain, and as they usually remain in issue several years, do not seem to increase in value. Up to the present time, however, these stamps have been priced at a very low per cent. over face in the catalogue, making it unprofitable for the dealer to stock them, and hence they are not common in this country.

The Northern European Countries

are stable in their financial foundations, and can afford to look beyond the stamp collector to support their postal systems, so their issues do not depreciate, and almost always increase in value. Of course, in most of the countries philately is well represented, and more of the stamps are purchased and stocked than in the small out-of-the-way places. Even at that, though, fine copies with gum, of these countries sell readily.

Heretofore, I have treated this subject from a financial standpoint. From the point of view of the collector who has the money to purchase stamps without regard to their financial standing (and he is a very scarce and desirable person for the dealer to do business with) I would say collect everything. The man who first said "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush" was the ancestor of the first Nicaraguan specialist, and had reference to certain surcharges of that country. If a collector can afford to buy everything that comes his way, by all means let him pursue the new issues in all its branches. He will find it far easier to buy his stamps as they appear than to attempt to complete his countries long after the stamps are obsolete. Unfortunately for him, however, the new issue service has never been established which can supply every stamp issued. He will always have a few provisionals to look for. Usually the scarcest ones, too, are the ones left out. Also, a collection of new unused stamps

Cannot Be Surpassed for Beauty.

The writer has seen collections of as many as ten thousand varieties of twentieth century stamps unused, and always feels like burning his own collection after seeing one of these "new issue" collections.

To summarize the above, if the collector buys "new issue" British Colonials and uses discretion in buying the other countries, he cannot "go wrong." If the collector intends to collect unused stamps, surely the time to buy them is when they are current, and just come out.

The new issue question as it confronts the dealer must be handled differently. Whether or not the dealer can carry new issues in stock at a profit depends largely upon the class of trade he caters to. If he sells only to the beginner or does "kid" business, he cannot readily dispose of new issues, excepting the very low values, which sell very easily. If he sells to the advanced collector, he must carry new issues, and as nearly a complete line as possible, in order to supply all wants. The question of new issues must be decided by every dealer for himself, as no fixed

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 1901 30s bistre and black, used.. 64 .03
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 1900 No. 161, 50l on 2dr40
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rule can be laid down. Success in handling any line, stamps or merchandise, depends upon the selling of that line. In the stamp business, the writer is of the opinion that

Success Lies In Keeping Stock Moving,

rather than buying and holding for speculation. The looked for increase may be slow in coming, resulting in loss of interest on the capital involved, as well as loss of profits on sales of stock which could have been turned over many times. Of course, face value stamps are an almost certain security, and can command more of a fixed price than odd lots or collections of stamps based on catalogue. These latter must bring what the buyer chooses to give for them, as they have no real value aside from a philatelic sense. The face value stamp represents money invested, and if it is still in use, can be collected on, at or near its face value by the holder. Therefore, the dealer who stocks new issues is assured of a loss of not much more than the

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who lacks experience with new issues, however, let me caution him to "go easy" and not to buy every lot that is offered him. Lots of odd values, and broken sets, do not sell readily at retail, and are equally hard to dispose of at wholesale. The writer was "caught" with quite a lot of miscellaneous new issues at one time, and after placing them before half a dozen of the large dealers and being advised "that they had too many lots like that already" was forced to dispose of them at nearly twenty per cent. less than face value.

By careful study and judicious buying, new issues may be laid away for a rise, and a

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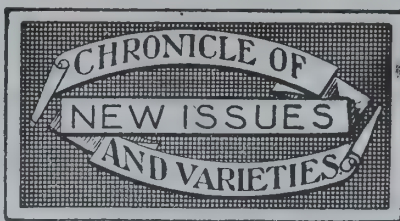
ALL stamps do not increase soon enough to pay to hold them. The secret lies in picking the stamps that are bound to jump up. By carefully studying the past issues, the saleability of the country, and the characteristic of the new stamp, the dealer soon learns what to hold and what to turn at once. In the case of the 4d Jamaica, black on yellow, the writer reasoned that as the colonial color scheme called for black and red on yellow, this stamp might be recalled at any time. Also, Jamaica is a good country to stock up on. Accordingly, when the 4d stamp was changed suddenly, the writer was able to realize 75c each for one hundred copies of a stamp that cost him 10c each not many months before. In speculating in British Colonials, the dealer finds it a one-sided gamble in his favor. If he buys at or near face,

He Cannot Lose, and May Win.

For the specialist who stocks only a few countries, it is necessary that he carry all issues of that country in stock, and accordingly, he should invest in enough new issues to last him for some time.

New issues, like every other branch of the stamp business, must be stocked carefully. Under the new issue service system, it is necessary to buy all stamps. All new issues are saleable at time of issue, and the wise dealer sells them at that time at a profit, laying away only such surplus as he thinks may increase for some reason, or as he thinks necessary to keep his stock in shape. A good rule to follow is the one used by the large merchants throughout the country.

"Keep your stock moving and turn over your money as often as you can."



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—The following new envelopes are noted by J. M. Bartels:

Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Knife.
2c	C	13	Blue	19	101
4c	A	9	Amber	19	61

Circular Die.

Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Knife.
*2c	A	7	White	19	96
2c	A	7	White	20	51

* First size 7 with a low cut knife.

ARGENTINE.—Maury's *Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* gives the remaining values in the new commemorative set, so that we repeat the full set as a matter of record.

Adhesives.

1/2c violet.
1c ochre.
2c chocolate.
3c pale green.
4c lilac.
5c red.
10c gray green.
12c blue.
20c pale ultramarine.
24c red brown.
30c claret.
50c gray black.
1p blue and red.
5p blue gray and olive.
10p violet and blue.
20p blue and carmine.

CANADA.—J. D. Cox has kindly favored us with a copy of the official circular of the Canadian Post Office Department regarding the new 3c brown stamps:

"Post Office Department, Canada, OTTAWA, 28th August, 1916.

Memorandum for
The Postmaster, Halifax
TWO-CENT SURCHARGED POSTAGE and
WAR TAX STAMP.

The Postmaster will please observe that the 2c Surcharged Postage and War Tax stamps, herewith enclosed, are printed in BROWN instead of in RED, as formerly. In future these stamps will be issued in the colour mentioned so as to overcome the difficulty experienced owing to the similarity in colour to the ordinary 2c stamp.

Before offering to the public any of the new stamps it is very desirable that the old stock be entirely sold.

R. M. COULTER,
Deputy Postmaster General."

This circular gives instructions it will be noted, not to issue the new 3c stamps until all the old ones are gone.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—The *London Telegraph* says:

Early this year the Cayman Islands, a dependency of Jamaica, which derives its chief income from postage-stamp sales, proposed to issue a set of war stamps, but the Governor of Jamaica is said to have vetoed the proposal. Now that the Mother Colony has issued war stamps it is reported that the Cayman Islands will have a similar overprinted issue.

INDIA.—*Gwalior*.—W. T. Wilson sends for chronicle the 8a and 1r King George overprinted in black, two lines of native characters, for official use in that state.

Official Adhesives.

8a red violet.
1r green and red brown.

ITALIAN SOMALILAND.—The *London Telegraph* says that the postage stamp supplies for Italian Somaliland have been deranged, for the steamship which carried the latest consignments was sunk by a submarine. The Governor of the colony was subsequently authorized to convert 35,000 1-lira stamps into 20c stamps by surcharging and 25,000 50c stamps have been surcharged to sup-

ply a deficiency of 5c stamps. The lost consignments included stocks of 5 and 20c stamps and the 15c grey and 20 on 15c Red Cross stamps of Italy overprinted for use in Italian Somaliland.

JAMAICA.—Hermann Focke also reports having seen the new 1 1/2d stamp of Jamaica, overprinted "War Stamp" in two lines, as reported by Mr. Galbraith last week.

KIONGA.—Maury's *Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* records a new issue of provisional stamps for the German Colony of Kinga Gebirge, which the Portuguese have invaded and added to their possessions around Lake Nyassa. The Portuguese authorities have issued four stamps all surcharged on the 100r dark blue on blue King Carlos stamps of the 1898 issue, surcharged "Republica". The word "Kionga" is placed at the lower left, the old value being obliterated by a small black square.

Provisional Adhesives.

3c on 100 blue on blue.
1c on 100 blue on blue.
2c on 100 blue on blue.
5c on 100 blue on blue.

MEXICO.—Hermann Focke has also shown us the 5c of 1910, surcharged "G. P. de M.—25—Centavos" in ornamental frame as noted last week. At the present rate of exchange of 3 1/2 cents gold to the peso, the value of this stamp is only a little over eight-tenths of a cent.

S. B. Hopkins reports a provisional post card and a provisional wrapper, the surcharges being the same ornamental design as on the current provisional adhesives. On both the overprint is placed below, not on the stamp.

Provisional Wrapper.

5c on 1c lilac on buff of 1910: surcharge green.

Provisional Post Card.

10c on 2c green on buff; surcharge red.

ROUMANIA.—Roumania has added two denominations to her war charity stamps overprinted "Timbru de Ajutor" (aid stamp) says the *London Telegraph*. These are the 1-liu brown of the issue of 1908, and the 5-lei, which is an overprint on a 5-lei red fiscal stamp, there being no postal denomination of 5-lei. These stamps, together with the five others already in circulation, are sold at a premium, and the supplementary charge is collected for the benefit of the families of Roumania's mobilised soldiers and for the refugee funds.

TUNIS.—Maury's *Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* notes the issue of a series of Red Cross stamps on a different plan from any previously chronicled. The current stamps 15c to 5fr have been printed in new colors. These stamps have been overprinted a Red Cross and "10c", this being the face value available for postage, the contribution to the charity being the nominal value, which makes it of considerable value in the higher values.

Red Cross Adhesives.

15c+10c brown violet on blue.
20c+10c brown on yellow.
25c+10c blue on green.
35c+10c olive green and violet.
40c+10c bistre and black.
75c+10c violet brown and green.
1fr+10c red and green.
2fr+10c bistre on blue.
5fr+10c violet and red.

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—"The P. O. here (La Paz, Bolivia) has on hand some of the higher denominations of late issues for which they ask two to three times face value and apparently sell some occasionally to tourists who don't know much about the value of stamps."—H. R. HOWARD.

—"The statements in Mr. Siddall's letter from the Orient, printed on page 325 of your paper of Sept. 16, that the German China 4 cent on 10pf has been exhausted and that the German post office can not send mails outside of China do not cover the facts. I am regularly receiving mail from there franked with the German China stamps, among them the 4 cent on 10pf, and I am in a position to say that there is quite a large stock of them at the German offices in China."—AUGUST HENNIGER.

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DEATH OF JACQUES KREBS.

We are advised of the death of Jacques Krebs, the New York dealer who has been for many years a patron of our advertising columns. Mr. Krebs has been ill for some weeks and passed away Sept. 18. The Managing Editor on his visits to New York has called upon Mr. Krebs several times and found him a genial and companionable acquaintance. So far as his dealings with our subscribers are concerned, we do not recall that a single complaint has ever been filed against him.

ADLETS.

This column is for the use of our patrons who desire only a few lines of space. If you want to buy, sell, or exchange, it is without doubt the best advertising medium in the world. RATE.—20c per line, cash in advance. No display allowed. Six words (32 letters) to the line, including address. We offer 50 lines for \$7.50, where cash is paid in advance. This space can be used at such times and in such quantities as may be desired.

We shall use every possible endeavor to protect our subscribers, but we cannot undertake to be responsible for unsatisfactory trade relations. Advertisers against whom complaints are proven will be debarred the further use of these columns.

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100 British Col. and 1000 For., 20c. D. L. CURRAN, 66 Thorp St., Binghamton, N.Y. [tf]

Used U. S. Plate Nos. on approval. Who wants them? Silas Weatherby, Medina, O. *

New Foundland, Coronation set o. g. (no 110a), Cat. \$4.14. (Money Order only) \$1.75. U. C. our approval books and you will quickly fill these empty spaces; reference indispensable. Please state if you want special countries or mixed. [44*]
FORDHAM STAMP EXCHANGE, 132 Nassau, N. Y. City.

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E. A. SOUTHWICK, [tf]
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Net Approvals—The prices will please you. Refs. necessary. Get my Bargain list No. 8. E. MOSELEY, Bloomfield, Mo. [tf]

100 Varieties U. S. stamps mounted in book 27c. P. E. Strickland, Galesburg, Ill. [44]

U. S. Precan Buying List 10c. Lists different issues and towns. HARRINGTON ADAMS, Fostoria, O. [tf]

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P. P. I. E. Poster Stamps wanted for cash. Dick Green, Grace, Idaho. (A.P.S. 2454) [45]

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No. 201 Military 1910, 3s rose, .13
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Write for price list of Jeepan?
Geo. T. Simpson, 433 Pearl St., Buffalo, N.Y.*

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322 Tremont Bldg., 8.15 P. M.

Boston, September 19, 1916.

The 364th (regular) meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society was called to order at 8.15 this evening. In the absence of the President, Mr. A. P. Brown, Vice-President, presided. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and accepted. The report of the Treasurer of the Entertainment Committee in charge of "Convention Week" was read and accepted. Mr. C. R. Hurd was elected to membership in the Society as No. 620. Three new applications were received; Mr. F. D. Pollard, Mr. H. Steele and Mr. S. E. Cassino. The recent death of one of our

Want Lists Wanted; send yours to us with bank references. We will do the rest. MARKS STAMP CO., Toronto, Canada. [tf]

Wanted: Fine copies 5c New York, 5c 1851, 30c, 1857. J. W. Sampson, 132 Nassau St., N.Y. [tf]

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One cent net approvals for reference. PELHAM R. WILLIAMS, Chickasha, Okla. [45]

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1911, 4c green and or. br. unused, .05
1911, 5c choc. and gray, unused, .06
KAY, 122E Washington Lane, Germantown, Pa.*

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Big contest, starts October 1st. Send for particulars. K. L. Thorn, Clearfield, Pa.

Mexico, 7 different G. P. De M. surcharges, 15c. Get 'em while cheap. Nice lot Mexican Rebel issues to exchange with advanced collectors, 19th century preferred. T. R. Rogers, 220 S. Stanton St., El Paso, Texas.

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Note the prices:
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Want to buy a good stamp collection. H. A. WHIPPLE, Omaha, Nebr. [4ew2*]

Advertising Chat

There is no man who does not think that he is less homely than he really is. It's born in us and sometimes we need to have a kind friend hand out to us an eye-opener.

So with the ad-writer. He looks upon the creation of his brain and in a burst of admiration says "Some stunt" but somehow the ad does not get the business. What is the matter? One of two reasons, that's all:—

(a) Goods are not seasonable.

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Around these eight words can be circled "failure." We know because our education came from experience. If your advt. does not get business ask yourself why and try another method. One thing is sure, you can't expect to sell many stamps when you advertise like this:—

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We shall issue October 28 our "Season-Opener Special." It will breathe a spirit of activity that will arouse and intensify collecting enthusiasm. Bear in mind the date.

Already old advertisers are returning and new advertisers are coming to the front. This issue of itself indicates the trend of the season's business.

The announcement made elsewhere by F. P. Gibbs will explain any inattention to business that may have been charged against him in the past few weeks. Mr. Gibbs has been ill but is now on the mending hand, and a large accumulation of mail will be given immediate attention.

As per announcement elsewhere in this issue the Stamp Shop, Chicago, is compelled to suspend business for four weeks, due to unforeseen circumstances that have arisen. Mr. Eisendrath, the manager, was a recent caller at the WEEKLY office and expressed his great satisfaction with the business he has secured through WEEKLY patronage.

We do not make a practise of going out after general advertising. Occasionally an advertisement comes our way that we accept, and especially when the goods are offered by a well-known stamp man. W. F. Slusser has for the past year been located at Corregidor, P. I., and has advertised cigars regularly in our columns. This week a quarter page advertisement accompanied by the cash was received, and we felt constrained to meet his wishes with the desired publicity.

In writing us Mr. Slusser says:—"When I was ordered to the Philippine Islands many of my Key West customers asked me to supply them if possible with Manila cigars. I put the proposition up to one of the leading Manila manufacturers—explaining my philatelic connections—and he was so impressed with the possibility of securing business from the stamp trade that he offered a supply of his best cigars under an exclusive name. I have built up a large business through circulars mailed to stamp collectors and dealers and advertising in the philatelic press."

Information is wanted in regard to J. A. Yunker, 649 Jackson St., Louisville, Ky., and also F. H. Russell, 24 Henry St., Clinton, Mass. Interested parties will please write Mr. Ohlman, 75 Nassau St., N. Y. City.

Have your advg. copy in Saturday.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

members, Mr. George L. Toppan, was brought to the attention of the Society. Mr. Toppan had been both President and Secretary of the organization and his loss will be keenly felt by all who knew him, both as a member and a friend. An appeal was made for advice and suggestions for entertainment at our meetings, and it was voted that at the next regular meeting there should be an auction at which all who enter lots shall auction off a certain number of them, personally. These lots should be sent to the auctioneer, Mr. Wright, or to the Secretary on or before Saturday, Oct. 14th. The chairman then called upon different members present to talk on subjects which he suggested to them. Messrs. Howes, Barker, Clark, Dodge, Oscar Hill and Bail and Hurd spoke. There were 26 members present during the meeting, which adjourned at 10 p. m.

FREDERIC W. STILES, Sec.

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JAPAN, 42 all different.
MEXICAN Cover 4 rebel stamps.
NICARAGUA 1889, 2c blue ".12
NO. BORNEO '09, 1, 2, 3, 4c pictures.
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35 DIFF. Precanceled U. S. Stamps.

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BRAZIL, 1906, 5000 reis, Official, Cat. 75c
BR. COLONIALS only, 65 all different.
BULGARIA, packet of 20 all different.
CANADA, packet 25 all diff. many issues.
CHILE 1892, 15, 25c, 1pCatalog .18
COSTA RICA 1889, 1c to 1p ".28
DENMARK-NORWAY, packet 50 all diff.
DOMIN. REPUB. 1906, 1 on 4, 1 on 10, 2 on 5cCatalog .68
"WORLD'S DIRECTORY", of stamp dealers, papers, etc., 60 pps.
EGYPT, Pictorial 1, 2, 3, 4m on orig. cover.
"EGYPT," book by R. E. R. Dalwick.
"GAMBIA", book by R. E. R. Dalwick.
"GREENADA", by Sefi.
"HAWAII", book by Luff-Howes-Richards.

Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co., Branch Office
Beverly, Mass.

POSTAGE STAMPS OF OAXACA.

(Continued from page 346.)

The total issue, of all values, was about 225,000 stamps; these were distributed throughout the territory controlled by the Oaxaca government,—all the central portion of the state. There were some stamps saved by collectors living in the city of Oaxaca, but as the supply was never equal to the demand for actual postal needs, it was impossible for anyone to get very many new ones, and the number that can be saved, of used ones, from a total issue of 225,000 is not large. Paper was so scarce that every possible scrap was used for some purpose, and there are no more accumulations of old papers, of any kind, left in Oaxaca.

An attempt was made to let a contract for a further printing, but it could not be done as there was no ink to be had. Work had already been begun on an engraved issue but was never completed.

Conditions were rapidly becoming worse; supplies of all kinds were impossible to get; the Oaxaca forces were out of ammunition,—they had been making their own,—the people were starving, and the Oaxaca forces finally withdrew from the city in February of 1916.

However, the story is not yet finished: the Indians who cut the throats of Figueroa and his band are not defeated as long as there is one left; they secured some more supplies and there have been several bloody battles; the Carrancistas have lost more heavily in Oaxaca than any place else and in July, 1916, though they had possession of the city of Oaxaca, as well as the sea coast and the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, they were practically bottled up and could do nothing. These Indians of the Oaxaca mountains will join and support any government that can bring order out of the chaos that exists in Mexico but, though they may starve in their mountains, they will never be conquered. They are still carrying on their legal government, as best they can, and fighting for existence.

CHAPTER IX.—CHECK LIST.

Printed on the backs of printed forms.
Perforated twelve.
Heavy gum.

1c Purple.

- (A) Early printings, bright color, clear impression.
1. Normal.
2. "1" omitted from SE. Cor. (Nos. 37 & 40), actual omission, earliest impression.
3. "1" omitted from SE. Cor. (Nos. 14 & 17), broken or depressed type, later impression.

4. Period instead of "1", SW. Cor. (Nos. 26 & 29), top of broken "1", same impression as 3.
5. Broken "1", SW. Cor. (Nos. 31 & 34), earliest impression.
6. Broken "1", SW. Cor. (Nos. 27 & 30), later impression, same as 5 but stamp shifted in form.
7. On thick, yellowish, paper, without printing on back.
8. Imperforate.
9. Imperforate horizontally.
- (B) Last printing, dull color, blurred impression, very thin gum.
10. Normal, pale shade.
11. Normal, dark shade, dirty black.
12. "1" omitted, SE. Cor. (Nos. 38 & 41), omission of type.
13. "C" missing from "CORREOS", (No. 32).
14. "S" missing from "CORREOS", (No. 33).
15. "1" missing from SW. Cor. and NW. Cor. (No. 32).
16. "1" missing from SW. Cor. (No. 37).

2c Yellow green.

- (A) Early printings, bright color, clear impression.
1. No dash under numerals.
2. Dash under SW. numeral.
3. Dash under SE. numeral.
4. Dash under SW. and SE. numerals.
5. Dash under SW. and NW. numerals.
6. Inverted "2" SW. Cor. (No. 21).
7. "S" omitted from "CORREOS", (No. 21).
8. Albino "2", SE. Cor. (No. 15), impression but no color.
9. Double impression.
10. Broken "O" in "OAXACA" (No. 35).
- (B) Re-setting of type, no dashes under numerals.
11. Normal.
12. "2" omitted, SW. Cor. (No. 13), actual omission of type.
13. Broken "O" in "OAXACA", (No. 29).
14. Double impression.
15. Imperforate horizontally.
16. Double impression.
17. Perforated ten.
- (C) Last printing, blurred, smeary, impression, very faint background, thin gum.
18. Normal.
19. "C" missing from "CORREOS", (Nos. 1, 36 & 37).
20. "C" showing as but a speck of color (Nos. 3, 4, 8, 13 & 26).
21. Double perforation.

3c Orange brown.

- (A) Early printing, bright color, clear impression.
1. Normal.
2. Inverted "3", NW. Cor. (No. 2).
3. Albino numerals, NW. and SW. (Nos. 23 and 38).
4. Double impression.
5. Perforated 10x12.
6. Inverted "3", NW. Cor. (No. 2), perforated 10x12.
- (B) Last printing, dull color, blurred impression, thin gum.
7. Normal.
8. "C" missing from "CORREOS", (Nos. 1, 31 & 32).
9. "C" showing but a trace of color, (Nos. 4, 8, 13, 25, 26, 27, 37, 38, 40).

5c Buff, Yellow, Orange, Red Orange.

- (A) Type I, large figures, dull buff.
1. Normal.
2. Tete-beche pair.
3. Background misplaced.
4. Double perforation.
5. In combination with type II.
- (B) Type II, small figures, bright colors.
6. Normal, orange.
7. Normal, yellow.
8. Background misplaced.
9. Double impression.
10. Double perforation.
11. Imperforate.
12. Imperforate vertically.
13. Perforated 10x12, very thin gum.
14. Perforated 10x12, background misplaced.
- (C) Last printing, red orange, blurred impression, thin gum.
15. Normal.
16. Double perforation.
17. Perforated 10x12.

10c Red and dull blue.

1. Normal.
2. "1" omitted, SE. Cor. (No. 39).
3. Blue and black ruling on back.

CHAPTER X.—The Revenue Stamps.

As the regular supply of revenue stamps began to be exhausted it became necessary to make new ones. These were made with detachable talon,—as is customary with Mexican revenue stamps. The main part of the stamp bears the seal of Oaxaca, already described, and the inscription "Renta del Timbre, Estado L. & S. de OAXACA" with the value. The talon bears the inscription "Estado L. & S. de OAXACA" and the value. They were printed on whatever paper was obtainable,—very thin to very thick, ruled, plain and colored. They were mostly imperforate vertically, but where perforated are pin perforation 12. The set is:

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From these records Messrs. Hiram E. Deats, Alexander Holland and the late George L. Toppan, with the assistance of many collectors and dealers who loaned specimens of the stamps compiled a history of United States Revenues, a most comprehensive work of over four hundred large pages, which was published in Boston in 1899, and is usually spoken of as the Boston Revenue Book. The Scott Stamp & Coin Company has kindly given its permission that data in the Boston book may be used in this article and the writer wishes to extend his thanks for the courtesy. The reader, therefore, is referred to the Boston book for descriptive details, official correspondence and much other matter which, though interesting, it is unnecessary to re-publish, since to include more than the main facts with some notes and comment would make this story too lengthy.

CHAPTER I.—First Issue.

Butler & Carpenter's first contract with the Treasury Department ran for one year, from October 1, 1862, and they were notified of the department's acceptance of their bid on August 8, immediately preceding. On September 27, they made their first delivery of stamps—the one cent proprietary in red and the two cent proprietary in orange. Originally it had been intended to print the one cent stamps in black, but owing to the ease with which black could be photographed and the difficulty in effectively cancelling black stamps, red was decided upon. Although yellow, or orange, was not open to these objections, the yellow stamps met with considerable criticism and soon, (October 10, 1862?), the color of the two cent stamps was changed to blue and all of this denomination were printed in blue until August, 1864, when all except the two cent proprietary, were again printed in orange, and this arrangement was continued until the series went out of use.

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unfortunately cancellations on these revenues do not prove anything. There is an unsevered strip of imperforates on part of an original document in existence, each stamp cancelled in the usual manner and dated 1872, and stamps cancelled as early as 1857 have been noted. Often there were legal or other reasons for back dating cancellations and stamps were frequently not used until a long time after they had been issued.

Following are the dates of the first deliveries of the various stamps to the department. All titles and denominations not given were first delivered during October, November and December, 1862.

1c Proprietary	September 27, 1862
2c Proprietary, orange	September 27, 1862
2c Bank Check, orange	September 29, 1862
15c Foreign Exchange	January 5, 1863
3c Playing Cards	January 9, 1863
\$2 Probate of Will	January 28, 1863
5c Playing Cards	April 1, 1863
4c Playing Cards	April 11, 1863
\$25 Mortgage	April 16, 1863
\$1.30 Foreign Exchange	April 17, 1863
\$1.60 Foreign Exchange	April 17, 1863
\$1.90 Foreign Exchange	April 17, 1863
\$2.50 Inland Exchange	April 17, 1863
\$3.50 Inland Exchange	April 17, 1863
4c Inland Exchange	May 12, 1863
6c Inland Exchange	May 12, 1863
\$50 U. S. I. R.	May 15, 1863
\$200 U. S. I. R.	July 7, 1864
10c Proprietary	August 6, 1864
5c Proprietary	August 25, 1864
2c U. S. I. R.	October 12, 1864
6c Proprietary	April 13, 1871

Certain stamps may have been first issued imperforate or partly perforate, and some probably were, but there is no way of ascertaining the truth in any individual case, for, as will be seen by the above table, the first deliveries of most of the different stamps were made to the department during the last three months of 1862 and it is known that until some time after May 15, 1863, imperforate stamps were still being delivered, for the \$50 stamp was first delivered on that date and it is well known imperforate. Eight other stamps first issued in 1863 are also well known imperforate, but of the remaining five varieties first issued after 1863 only one, the \$200 stamp, is known imperforate. The \$200 was first delivered more than a year after the first \$50 stamps and about twenty months after the order to Butler & Carpenter to deliver unfinished stamps was given. Whether this indicates that Butler & Carpenter were unable to completely perforate all the stamps printed until after July, 1864, or that the perforating machines fell behind for a while at about that time, the reader will have to decide for himself. Perhaps there was another reason for issuing some of the \$200 stamps imperforate. It is rather odd, however, that the records do not indicate the delivery or the return of any imperforate \$200 stamps.

Another circumstance should be borne in mind in this connection—many stamps delivered by Butler & Carpenter in imperforate or part perforate condition were not so issued by the department, but were "returned for perforation" and issued later when finished, or perhaps in some cases destroyed. The records are either incorrect or incomplete in regard to a number of the stamps, as for instance, the \$15 Mortgage, where there appears to have been an imperforate supply of 162, of which 90 were returned for perforation, leaving 72 imperforates—less than the number of imperforate copies known to exist. The 40c

Inland Exchange and 50c Entry of Goods present just the opposite situation, particularly the 40c stamp. There seem to have been 86,730 imperforates, of which 204 were returned for perforation, leaving 86,526, an unbelievably large amount, since very few copies with satisfactory margins are known and no record of a block or horizontal pair can be found. As both this stamp and the 50c Entry of Goods are common part perforate, it is at least possible most or all of these stamps were delivered and issued part perforate and not imperforate. Either way they would have been recorded as "unfinished".

The one cent proprietary is not now catalogued imperforate, but some of the 794,045 unfinished stamps delivered were issued imperforate as is shown by two pairs seen. These, though vertical, have satisfactory side margins, and single copies with large margins all around are also known. One of these latter evidently came from a partly perforated sheet which had been run through the perforating machine in such a manner that part of the sheet escaped perforation. Occurrences of this sort may account for other apparent discrepancies in the records. The two cent Bank Check in orange is not known imperforate and in all probability none were ever issued imperforate or part perforate. The color was changed to blue before any unfinished stamps of any values were delivered.

Referring to the list of dates of first issues, there is only one small stamp, (values 1c to 20c), first issued after Dec. 31, 1862, that is known imperforate or part perforate, the 3c Playing Cards. The records show not over 7,000 of this stamp delivered imperforate, and it is so rare that the number actually issued was probably much less. The other small stamps first issued in 1863 are not known to exist otherwise than completely perforated. Possibly some of the 9,000 unfinished 5c Playing Cards or the 17,000 unfinished 4c Playing Cards in the vault at one time were issued—if so they are not known to collectors. However, comparatively large quantities of the 4c and 6c Inland Exchange were delivered and issued commencing May 12, 1863, and the records make no mention of either of them existing unfinished.

Is the situation regarding the large stamps (values 25c and over), first issued in 1863 similar to that of the small denominations just mentioned? Not at all! Every one of the large stamps first issued after December 31, 1862, is well known imperforate.

From all these facts we may deduce—(1) that after December, 1862, the perforating machines were able to keep very close to the demand for the small stamps, and (2) that the perforating facilities were inadequate most of the time from November, 1862, until the latter part of May, 1863, at the very earliest, for the large stamps. Then it is reasonably safe to state that the unfinished small stamps were nearly all delivered in November and December, 1862, and that most of the unfinished larger stamps were probably delivered during the six months between November, 1862, and June, 1863. Going further along the line of logical sequence, it may be assumed that the same reasons prompting the department to require and accept un-

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But still King Chulalongkorn in the course of his reign of forty-two years managed to accomplish a few internal reforms, the most important of which was probably the abolition of slavery. It was almost wholly under his reign that the postal system, limited as it is (there being in 1914 only 160 post offices in the entire country with a total staff of 700), has grown up, principally because of Chulalongkorn's interest in the construction of railways. Also he attempted to settle the constant fluctuation of the currency by establishing a fixed standard of gold, but his efforts were not entirely successful. Sometimes the rates of exchange fluctuated, so that the value of the stamps used for foreign postage was insufficient for the satisfactory settling of postal accounts with the other countries. Consequently a change in the postal rates for foreign mail had to be made, nearly always necessitating a surcharging of the current issue. And these occasions have been fairly frequent.

The position of King Chulalongkorn among the rulers of the various countries was unique in that he was the only one to publicly support the religion of Buddha. Of Buddhism the most important emblem is the Chakra, or Wheel of Life, the design of the watermark in the issue of 1887. The soles of the feet of Buddha each possessed 108 marks of importance, the chief of which was the Chakra, and it is always regarded as belonging to the sacred footprints. A legend says that at one time Buddha crossed the country at one stride, leaving a footprint in the hills of central Siam. Altho this hole in the rock has little resemblance to a human foot and does not even possess the

Chakra, large pilgrimages are made to the Temple of Phrabat at the beginning of each year.

The Wheel of Life was adopted as the chief symbol of the religion, because of the resemblance to the ceaseless rotation of living matter from being into non-being and from non-being into being; and it really represents the philosophy of Buddhism in that life is an eternal circle moving according to fixed and unchangeable laws. Also it symbolizes the Buddhist doctrine of cause and effect rotating over the surface of the earth. The six spokes represent the six forms of existence possible to living beings, in either one of the three hells, or of the four lower worlds, or of the twenty-six heavens—gods, men, demons, animals, ghosts, and beings undergoing torment in the hells. The Chakra was placed on the soles of Buddha's feet, because it was thought that all things belong to, or are subject to him. But Siam is becoming more or less Europeanized. On the death of Chulalongkorn in October, 1910, his son, whose name in full is Somdet Phra Paramendr Maha Vajiravudh Phra Mongkut Klao (issue of 1912), ascended to the throne. At the age of thirteen he was sent to Europe to be educated, but spent most of his time in England. He attended the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and later went up to Oxford where he studied history at Christ Church College. By 1902 this Siamese Prince was sufficiently steeped in European history to be able to publish a book entitled "The War of the Polish Succession". Before returning home he visited a number of European countries, and made a tour of the United States. He was at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, held at St. Louis in 1904. After his return to Siam he assumed command of the Royal Foot Guards, and was otherwise connected with the army.

Upon the death of his father in 1910 he ordered the nation to go into mourning for one year. The next April his father was cremated; and towards the end of this term of mourning notices were sent out to some of the more important countries asking them to send representatives to be present at the coronation. On December 2, 1911, Maha Vajiravudh crowned himself in the presence of the foreign envoys and of the native nobility.

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The book on "U. S. Grills" by W. L. Stevenson is just off the press and the price is 10c. Our next new book will be "Canal Zone," though it is possible that "Oaxaca" will be issued at about the same time.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Change—We are enabled to give the information that a new set of wines and cordials stamps will soon be distributed from Washington and that in the meantime the use of the old stamps will be continued according to instructions proceeding from the treasury department to the internal revenue offices throughout the country.

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Many—A reader, Mr. Milton D. Smith, has shown an interest in the discussion of the lavish use of small denominations on an envelope to make up a considerable postage value; and he has taken the trouble to show us the face of a large cover that bears eighty-five stamps of the two, five and ten cent denominations to make up the postage charge of less than three dollars. The mail was sent from Washington to Chicago.

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Wreath—The memorial to George Lunt Toppan in the *American Philatelist* by his friend, Alex. Holland, was a worthy tribute and wholly deserved. We notice that Mr. Holland said that Mr. Toppan became interested in stamps about the time he came to Chicago. We first met Mr. Toppan in 1890 or 1891 and if we are not mistaken he referred to a collection that belonged to his father

RARE U. S. LOCALS

Boyd, No. 2296
Broadway, No. 2374
City Dispatch, No. 2427
Cressman, No. 2439

Cumming, No. 2445
Dupuy & Schenck, No. 2457
Eagle, No. 2459
Jones, No. 2605

Pomeroy, No. 2676
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from which he had obtained a number of scarce British colonials sometime before; but even then, Mr. Toppan was studying entire United-States envelopes with the keenness of mind that finally was to advance him to the seat of premiership in the field of U. S. envelopes. About fifteen years ago, Mr. Toppan was on the point of identifying himself with the publishers of the WEEKLY, but the connection was never made actually. As we have said before, philately was made the richer by Mr. Toppan's allegiance and in a personal sense we feel that we have lost a friend most loyal.

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Stampless—In a lot of envelopes taken from business mail from South America, we have found a half-dozen of the envelopes from Colombia and Venezuela in 1912 and 1913, without stamps, but with written or stamped impressions on the order of the following: "Certifico que no hay estampillas. La Agente

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Unacceptable—From Sandoz, Nebraska, Mr. Jules A. Sandoz sends us a curiosity in the shape of a two cent, 1902, flag type, without perforations, that was used on a letter addressed to him from the Remington Arms Co., Ilion, New York, with the postmark, April 14, 1904. We speak of this cover to say that a single imperforate stamp of an issue that comes normally only in perforated condition is not accepted as proving original imperforation, even though its appearance as an imperforate may seem entirely plausible. While in days gone by, authorities were more tolerant and took the "imperforate" of the stamp that was issued perforated at its own estimate, the tendency now is to reject the single stamp as making a case even though as in the Ilion, N. Y. instance, the specimen seems to be above suspicion. The flag type, two cent, was not issued, as its successor was, imperforate. We may add that one of the most popular pastimes of our readers is to submit to us wide-margined specimens, imperforate, of stamps of perforated issues with a triumphant little air. Surely, perforations could not have been clipped with the resultant wide margins, they argue, but those who know how erratically the perforations act in some instances say that anything is possible in this regard. The pair's the thing to prove imperforation.

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Modest—Another question that is a time-honored one is based on the hope in the owner's mind that a certain uncatalogued stamp that he has in his possession has not been known heretofore and consequently is of excessive rarity. Usually, it is a foreign fiscal, German local or label of some sort that

inspires the roseate view which it sometimes is difficult to dispel with coldly logical explanation. It is to be said that governments did not consider lightly the issue of a postage stamp. As a rule there was an official record of it from its inception to its fruition. True, in the case of a few provisionals that are admittedly legitimate in a philatelic sense there seems to be no reference to them "on the books" yet the instances are so isolated as to be negligible. It is safe to say that all postage stamps issued in the past are "known" and that the pickings of a latter-day Columbus would not sustain a humming-bird. The "unknown" stamp does not get a second view nowadays as the general belief is that there is no such thing.

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Defined—"My idea of an optimist," says a philosophic reader, "is the chap who, when in doubt as to which stamp his really is, the high-priced one or the variety worth a few cents, immediately jumps to the conclusion that it is the expensive one. I and many others of a less assertive nature always choose the cheap priced stamp,—but perhaps this is merely a species of timidity or conservativeness, if you want to use the word."

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Pumpkin—Very seasonably and we were about to say, appropriately, Mr. L. C. Hassler, Louisville, Ky., sends, with his compliments, a copy of the two cent, 1890, with a "pumpkin head" cancellation in black. We have seen many pumpkin heads on preceding issues but not heretofore on one so recent as this. With this, we shall step aside for Mr. Wm. G. Windhurst, Marion, Ohio, who speaks: "The article in the issue of September 2nd on Cancellation Designs is most interesting; I've been wanting some elucidation on that point. High-brow stuff is all right and is needed for accurate reference; but these human interest articles have a touch of personality that charms." We shall see that further articles on U. S. cancellations are forthcoming.

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Up—Several of our readers have notified us of the use of high values. A bank officer says that over five dollars in postage is often used by his bank in sending currency to other banks. A business man writes that until recently, he had occasion frequently to use first class postage to the limit on both domestic and foreign matter. Further examples of the use of five to ten dollars in stamps are referred to in some number.

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65	5c	Jubilee	cat.	.10	.05
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Nicholas Stamp Club broached in the September number of that highest-class juvenile publication has been received most favorably. In our issue of September 2nd, we outlined the plan of the Club, which originated with Mr. Guion of St. Nicholas Stamp Directory and enlisted the sympathetic co-operation of the advertising manager of St. Nicholas, Mr. Don M. Parker, himself.

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 10sh95
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THE STAMP DEALER AND HIS STOCK.

By BILL BLOSS.

(If you have followed this article along and are desirous of asking Mr. Bloss any question, do not hesitate to make use of his services. He will be glad to assist anyone aspiring to deal in stamps with information that will be helpful and profitable.—Ed.)

CHAPTER IX.—Adlets Advertising.

The "adlets column" or classified advertising columns are designed principally for use by the small advertiser who cannot afford to use the displayed space. The fundamental rules of advertising require that attention be attracted, then the story told as attractively and briefly as possible. Of course adlets advertising does not permit of the use of screaming headlines to draw the attention of the reader, but the opening of the advertisement should be based on the same rules as outlined for display space. By using a "catchy" opening, the attention of the reader is attracted as he glances over the column. After his attention is drawn, the story should be told as concisely as possible, lest he seek further without reading. Bear in mind in preparing copy that the reader is not going to read every word of the column, any more than you yourself read all the want-ads in the evening paper. He may skim hastily through the column looking for something of interest (as many interesting things are often found there) but unless you can draw his eye and then hold his attention, your efforts are wasted.

In Writing Adlets,

it is often the aim of the dealer to cram as much matter as possible into as small a space as possible, hence many abbreviations are used, many of which are unintelligible to the average reader. Here is a good example of what not to have in advertising copy: (This adv. actually appeared in a Western paper not long ago.)

C.Z. 40 @ 8c, 44 @ 5c.

Very f. ap. 60% Nice Stk Cf

Lists wtd. Blank Stamp Co.

This copy was intended apparently to reach only those readers who were gifted with ability to solve puzzles. With a little work the reader might make out the facts that certain Canal Zone stamps were offered and that 60% discount approvals were to be had. Just what impression the reader would get from the "Nice Stk Cf," is unknown. Personally, I think it denotes a nice stock of counterfeits, though I am advised that it refers to Confederates. This is the type of ad that the dealer writes while he is eating his lunch, and then wonders why he gets no results from his advertising. Of course, the paper is at fault. The fact that the

Company gets \$50.00 worth of business from a \$2.00 ad makes no difference. The dealer does not see how it can be done. The only way it can be done is with the aid of headwork. In writing copy concentrate your mind on the job, and work out the copy by writing it up on a piece of scratch paper. Then look at it from the reader's point of view. If you still think it is satisfactory and will attract, then see that it is as concise as possible. Rewrite it until all superfluous words are eliminated. At the same time, use care that the fundamental points are not omitted.

Don't Crowd Your Copy.

You are advertising to get results. Spend a few cents more if necessary, or cut out some of the copy. Don't run so much in a small space that a jumbled mess like the preceding example results. Remember that advertising is one of the most important features of your business and one of the hardest to handle

efficiently. These remarks apply to all branches of advertising.

Many of the dealers have gotten good results by writing little one, two or three line ads and running them in different locations in the same issue. This idea is good for the reason that it creates a number of impressions on the mind of the reader where one large ad only creates one. Often more results will be gained from three or four of these little ads than from one large one of the same space.

Really, the best way to learn to write good advertising copy is to study the copy of others. As you read this paper, you will be impressed by certain advertisements. Some will appeal to you, because they are original and "catchy." Some will interest you because of the bargains offered. Some will be ineffective because they have nothing to offer you, or are so poorly written that you will hesitate to patronize a house that cannot make its bid for your favor the way it should be made.

Remember that at all times you are facing competition; so make your advertising distinctive. Put your personality back of it. If you can see your way clear to do it (and as will be explained later, every dealer can do it) give a premium with your goods. Make your line just as different from the other fellow's as you can, and beat his quality or prices or both. Then, pick out all the good points of your line and let the people know about them. In writing copy, it is a good plan to

Avoid Extravagant Phrases,

such as, "My books are the finest on earth," or "the only perfect series in America." Every one with the common sense required in collecting stamps will know that you are handing yourself a few bouquets. How do you know that some other dealer has not excelled your line? You do not know, hence you cannot truthfully claim that your books are the finest in the world. Therefore, the reader will put you down for a liar and who wants to do business with a liar?

In writing the above remarks, I note my own advertisement wherein I claim that my books are in the "finest possible condition." This phrase is also quite frequently used, but note the difference. I do not claim that my books are the finest in existence or any such rot. I merely state that the stamps are in the finest condition possible to be secured, and the reader will know that a hundred or a thousand other dealers could, if they chose, offer stamps in as good condition, and that a great many do offer them just that way. In short, I am not trying to impress the reader that I have exclusive rights to all the fine copies on earth, merely that I share them with other dealers.

Also, avoid the use of the first person as much as possible. It is sad to relate, but a great many dealers use their space to tell the public how nice they are and how much better they can serve their customers than the next fellow. Cut out the "I" whenever possible. Instead of saying "I offer you a superb line of approvals, which I have designed to please you," say, "You will be pleased with my new approvals." The world dislikes a person who is gifted as his own publicity agent.

The Secret of Success

lies in calling the buyer's attention to the goods without exploiting the remarkable feats accomplished by the dealer in offering the stock. Instead of

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 2c green, No. 150, unused04
 3c slate green, No. 151, unused04
 3c slate green, No. 151, used04
 5c rose lilac, No. 152, used09
 5c rose lilac, No. 152, unused09
 10c blue, No. 154, unused15
 10c blue, No. 154, used09
 1c orange, No. 161, unused04
 1c orange, No. 161, used04
 2c green, No. 162, unused04
 3c slate green, No. 163, unused04
 3c slate green, No. 163, used04
 5c rose lilac, No. 164, used08
 5c rose lilac, No. 164, unused08
 8c brown, No. 165, used12
 10c blue, No. 166, used10
 12c olive green, No. 167, used25
 \$2.00 yellow brown, No. 171, unused 1.75
 \$5.00 gray, No. 172, unused 3.90

China Offices in Turkestan

1c ochre, No. 502, used08
 3c olive green, No. 504, used06
 6c gray, No. 507, used15
 10c blue, No. 510, used18
 16c olive green, No. 512, used30
 20c red brown, No. 513, used35

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1863-71 No. 16, 2l\$.12
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 1886 No. 71, 50l20
 1890 Nos. 117 to 12012
 1896 No. 123, 40l20
 1896 No. 124, 60l25
 1896 No. 125, 1dr35
 1900 No. 159, 5l on 1dr15
 1900 No. 161, 50l on 2dr40
 1901 No. 175, 1dr35
 1913 No. 224, 25l15
 1912 No. 521, 20l25
 1912 Nos. 522, 523, 52410
 1912 Nos. 526, 52720
 1912 No. 532, 1dr40

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War issues—British Colonies—Used and Unused in Approval Books. Serious Collectors please send reference and Want list. British Colonies 20th Century Used and Unused "My Specialty."

J. A. GALBRAITH, 16 Beaver St., N. Y. C.

Want Lists Solicited

Mr. Oleson wrote me Sept. 16th: "Everything considered I am quite well pleased with the selection sent and I will remember you when I have more want lists to fill." I sent Mr. Oleson nearly every 19th Century stamp he asked for and a fair percentage of his 20th Century wants. From a total of \$37.05 he kept \$16.62.

Can I do business with you on the same basis? I am breaking up a collection of 19th Century stamps which catalogues over \$40,000.00 and can supply many stamps seldom obtained. Also have a 20th Century Collection containing the early issues of this Century. Let me hear from you.

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HONG KONG 1903, 10c Cat. 12 Post Ex. .04

1904-7, 10c Cat. 18 " .06

Japan Commem., 12 and 3s large, " .05

MEXICO 1884, 12c No. 157 " .06

1914, 20c No. 352 Mint " .05

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Scott type A49, 1c-50c, 6 var.

used, with talon, rare set,

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*191-193 o. g., scarce, Cat. 2.60 .85

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218b, used, rare, Cat. 3.50, fine 1.25

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patting yourself on the back, in print, make the buyer think he is the only spoke in the wheel. He likes to be complimented just as well as you do, and when you compliment him, it will bring you his favor. The little "I" should be relegated to the cannery. Let the customer talk about you, and it will pay you far better.

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Dan. W. Indies, 1873, 7c, No. 950 .22
France 1900, 5fr, No. 12240 .16
Fr. Guiana 1892, 1, 2, 4c, Nos. 32-412 .04
Guatemala 1902, 2p, No. 123	.....	.25 .09
Orange R. Colony 1900, 1sh V.R.I.	.....	.40 .17
Japan 1914, 1y, No. 137	.....	.10 .05
Ger. Levant 1884, 10pa on 5pf, No. 501	.....	1.25 .60

Be convinced and try a selection of our net priced approval. Reference, please.

UNIVERSAL STAMP CO., Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

6 India 1913, 1r to 25 rupees ..\$6.00 per set.
Wanted offers, cheap sets, etc., per 100 & 1000.
Wholesale or Retail list post free. [C]

William Stamp Company
180, Bishopsgate, LONDON E. C., Eng.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE.

(The following is a copy of the certificate now being used by English dealers in connection with exportations of stamps. We consider it of sufficient interest to our readers to reprint the same.—Ed.)

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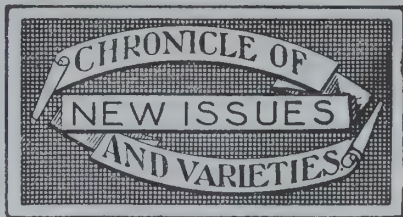
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—S. E. Colman sends us the new 1c and 2c stamps on unwatermarked paper. The former was placed on sale in Washington, Sept. 27, and was printed from plate No. 7656. The 2c was placed on sale Sept. 25 at 3.30 p. m. in the same city, as was from plate No. 7639. The 1c shown is a clear blue green. Both are perforated 10.

Adhesives.

On Unwatermarked Paper.
1c blue green.
2c carmine.

J. Arthur Wainwright reports having found a 2c Columbian stamp from the bottom row of a sheet, imperforate at ends and bottom. Mr. Wainwright also favors us with a copy of the tag receipt for cottonseed meal, issued by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, black on orange, and dated "1913."

J. C. Mulliken, Jr., shows us the error of the 2c postage stamp of 1898, overprinted "I. R." The period after the "I" is broken so as to appear as perfect period, though a little above what would be the normal place. This was noted years ago, but so long as to have been before the remembrance of most of the younger collectors. This error which was never recognized by Scott, occurs but once in each sheet, always in the same place, in the top plate number strip.

We are indebted to Kendall P. Smith for information regarding a new envelope, included in Mr. Bartels' list.

AUSTRIA.—*Offices in Russian Poland.* Stanley R. Massman reports that the 2, 6, 10 and 20h newspaper stamps of Bosnia must be added to the list overprinted K. U. K. Feldpost for use in Russian Poland.

CHILE.—The Edgewood Stamp Co. has shown us the 2c scarlet type of Scott's A33, re-engraved and typographed, like the 10c recently chronicled. Like the 10c, the design suffers greatly in the re-engraving, the cross-hatching in the background, both in and outside the portrait oval being omitted, the figures and inscriptions being different, while the hair and beard are almost solid masses of color. The stars in the upper corners are larger, while the color is a pale, washed-out imitation of the full rich color of the engraved stamps.

Adhesive.

2c pale scarlet.

DOMINICA.—J. A. Galbraith submits a cover from this island franked with the new War Tax stamps, the ½d green view stamps having been overprinted "War Tax—One Halfpenny" in small, medium condensed Gothic capitals, in carmine.

War Tax Stamp.

½d on ½d green; surcharge carmine.

GERMANY.—Ludwig Simon submits a cover from Elsterberg, Germany, under date of Aug. 1, which came via Holland, was opened and examined and resealed by English Censor 4147, and franked with the new 2½pf gray, 7½pf orange yellow and 15pf yellow brown stamps, as announced in No. 1341. They are printed on watermarked paper, like the previous values.

Offices in Russia.—Stanley R. Massman informs us that the three stamps noted above, as well as the 50pf and 1m stamps of the regular issue, have been overprinted "Postgebiet Ob. Ost." for use in Russian provinces occupied by the German Army.

Offices in Belgium.—Mr. Massman reports having seen several denominations of the German stamps, surcharged for use in Belgium, with the new "Cent." form of the surcharge.

Offices in Warsaw.—Mr. Massman also reports having seen the new 2½, 7½ and 15pf stamps overprinted "Gen. Gouv. Warchau."

NEW ZEALAND.—*Scott's Circular* says: We have seen the 2p and 3p King George issue on the paper of the 2½p and 9p of the pictorial issue of 1902-07. The 6p is also reported on this paper. Like the 1½p which we described some months ago, the stamps and watermarks do not fit, because the latter are placed too far apart for the smaller stamps even when the sheets are turned so that the watermarks are sideways, as is done for the 2, 3 and 6p. Consequently some rows of the stamps show only small portions of the watermark and others none at all.

ST. LUCIA.—J. A. Galbraith has shown us the new War Tax stamps from this Colony. The 1d scarlet King George stamps have been overprinted "War Tax" in tall thin Gothic capitals, in black.

War Tax Stamp.

1d scarlet; overprint black.

TURKEY.—*Scott's Circular* says: This country is keeping well to the front with its output of new varieties of stamps. Our chronicle this month includes quite a list of newly reported things, mostly charity stamps with a new type of surcharge having a star with five points instead of six. In the philatelic press we find conflicting reports about several other issues. One journal states that a new series of stamps is being prepared in Vienna; another says the stamps are already issued, that they show a view of the Pera post office and commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of its establishment; while a third journal reduces the issue to one stamp and states it is "yet to come."

Equal uncertainty attends a series said to be surcharged "Tursina" in Arabic and intended to celebrate the occupation by the Turkish forces of Egyptian territory near Mount Sinai. The *Monthly Circular* states that the correct rendition of the surcharge is "Tur-i-Sina," i. e., "Monastery of Sinai." It is denied that the territory has been occupied and even that the expedition has started. Nevertheless the stamps are offered for sale in Europe both unused and used—perhaps it would be more correct to say cancelled.

Lastly we hear that a new series of provisional and charity stamps is soon to appear, with surcharges which include the date "1332" instead of the present "1331." It is stated that this new output is to have a modest total of 105 stamps.

Provisional Adhesive.

Newspaper Stamp of 1908.
Surcharged six-pointed star and "1331" in crescent.
2pi blue black.

Charity Stamps.

Regular Issues.
Surcharged in carmine or black, six-pointed star and "1331" in horn of crescent with Turkish inscription in crescent.
On Issue of 1908.
10pa dull green.
On Issue of 1909.
10pa dull green.
Regular Issues.
Surcharged in carmine or black, same as last except that star is five-pointed.
On Issue of 1901.
1pi blue.
5pi lilac rose.
On Issue of 1905.
1pi bright blue.
5pi brown.
On Issue of 1907.
1pi bright blue.
On Issue of 1908.
5pi dark violet.
10pi red.

With additional surcharge of character for foreign postage.
20pa carmine.
1pi bright blue.
On Issue of 1909.
20pa carmine rose.
1pi ultramarine.
10pi dull red.
With additional surcharge of foreign character.
20pa carmine rose.
1pi ultramarine.
On Issue of 1913.
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20pa carmine rose.
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5pi ochre.
On Newspaper Stamp of 1908.
2pi blue black.

Regular Issues.
Surcharged in black with five-pointed star and "1331" in horn and inscription in crescent with additional inscription below.
On Issue of 1899.
10pa on 20pa violet brown.
On Issue of 1905.
10pa on 20pa carmine.
On Issue of 1907.
10pa on 20pa carmine.
On Newspaper Stamp of 1893-99.
10pa on 20pa violet brown.

Stanley R. Massman reports a series of stamps overprinted "10 Tammus 1332" for special use on the National Holiday, July 10-23, 1916, but omits to say what particular stamps are used for this service.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—We have received from J. A. Galbraith a cover from Road Town, Tortola, V. I., via St. Thomas, franked with ½d King George Virgin Islands stamps in the new blue green shade.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—A recent caller at the office of the WEEKLY was T. C. Mann of St. Louis. Mr. Mann is connected with the Antrim Lumber Co. of St. Louis and has been a reader of the WEEKLY for nearly a score of years.

—If unable to buy a money order when renewing your subscription please remit in stamps in denominations from 4c to 10c. These can be more easily cashed by us than the 1c and 2c values.

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—The death is announced of J. H. Telfer of the firm of Plumridge & Co. of London. Mr. Telfer died August 28. He was one of the leading figures in the London stamp trade and particularly so from the auction standpoint.

—We have received from Mrs. E. W. Oughtred no fewer than four different Jamaica Red Cross labels:—(1) Red cross at top and aeroplane at bottom, no lettering, all in red; (2) aeroplane at top and cross at bottom, both in red, and "Jamaica" in black in the middle of the label; (3) same as last but all in red; (4) same as No. 2 but with value "Half-Penny" in black horizontally across the lower part of the stamp.

—G. A. Hanlon has returned from the Mexican border and will attend to matters in connection with his former stamp business as soon as possible. He writes that he has an accumulation of three months' correspondence to deal with.

—We are informed by LeRoy Sours, replying to a question recently raised in the WEEKLY in connection with the insuring of stamp collections, that in his opinion any Minnesota standard policy can be made to cover postage stamps. Mr. Sours gives the particulars of his experience with a local agency which indicates that the arrangement was effected with very little difficulty.

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ELIMINATING THE POSTAGE STAMP.

(The clipping from the "Scientific American" will be of interest to stamp collectors though the WEEKLY has already referred to the fact that such a meter as described is in existence. Upon request for official data from the P. O. Department at Washington we were favored with the annexed reply from the Third Assistant Postmaster General.—Ed.)

There has lately been placed in service by several American firms with unusually heavy mailings a postage meter which, instead of affixing the usual postage stamps on mail matter, makes an impression in the upper right-hand corner. The new postal meter performs several tasks, such as sealing, stamping, facing and counting approximately 250 pieces of mail matter per minute. The envelopes, unsealed and unstamped, are placed in a compartment of the machine much in the same manner as they would be placed in a box, the mechanism handling the envelopes automatically from that point. The stamping mechanism not only makes an impression on the envelopes, but also counts, the numbers

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do. 12d new issue, 5c ea.

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—William H. Carruth.

The month of October is indeed a glorious month, and it's a good month for the stamp collector, for the mind readily turns to the stamp collection and its treasures and pleasures. The columns of the WEEKLY already reflect great activity in the stamp trade and there is every reason to believe that this year will be the best ever.

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A pricelist of Canada stamps at retail and wholesale, also accessories of various kinds has been received from the Hobby Club of Winnipeg, Canada. While the booklet will be of particular interest to those interested in Canada stamps, the general collector will find in it sufficient to warrant getting it.

Complaints have been received against Virgil K. Yowell, 2937a Hickory St., St. Louis, Mo., and interested parties are advised to communicate with J. C. Jay, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Mr. Jay has a particularly strong case against Yowell and upon receipt of any further available information will lay the entire facts before the postal inspector of the St. Louis district.

Vahan Moizan will hold his 12th auction sale Saturday, October 21, and in the catalog we note no fewer than 179 lots of Mexico in Sonora, Villa and Carranza issues. It will be interesting to note the prices realized on these stamps, which have been expertized by A. O. Tittmann.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE CANAL ZONE.

Revised for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

By WILLIAM EVANS.

CHAPTER XV.—Official and Registered Letter Seals.

Official Seal—The official seal was issued in 1906. Its design is similar to that of the current seal of the United States with the head of Liberty as the central design surrounded by an oval frame. At each side is a straight label bearing the words "OFFICIALLY" at the left and "SEALED" at the right in white letters. In a curve above are the words "POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT" in colored letters, and below are the words "CANAL ZONE GOVERNMENT" also in colored letters. The background is made up of fine diagonal curved lines, and small ovals arranged in vertical rows. An oblong frame with rounded corners surrounds the whole design. The color is blue. The size of the seal is 24 mm. by 39 mm. They were issued in sheets of eight in two vertical rows of four, and are not gummed. The sheets are imperforate on the edges.

The spacing between the seals is 2 mm. In 1910 the size of the seals was reduced a trifle, to 23 mm. by 38 mm. and the spacing between them was made 1/2 mm. The color was also changed to ultramarine.

Registered Letter Seal—In 1906 there was in use at Cristobal a perfortea label which was placed upon registered letters originating at that office, and also upon those in transit. These labels were used on outgoing letters.

The design is a simple oblong, formed by lines 1/2 mm. wide. It is 39 mm. long by 14 1/2 mm. wide, and is divided into four parts by three rules, one vertical, 6 1/2 mm. from the left end, and two horizontal. These two rules form two oblongs, each of which is 4 1/2 mm. wide and a third one 5 1/2 mm. wide. At the left is a large "R". In the upper oblong the words "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA", in the middle one "CRISTOBAL, C. Z.", and in the bottom one "NO." The color is vermilion and the paper is very thin and transparent. The number is in most instances stamped in with a numbering machine in blue ink. The label is perforated 15. Previous to the use of this label the same design was hand-stamped upon the envelope, and since the supply became exhausted the hand stamp has been used. The measurements differ slightly from the printed label and the ink is of various colors.

Special Delivery—No special delivery service is maintained in the Zone, but letters bearing the U. S. special delivery stamps, upon their arrival in the States, are delivered by the messenger of this service here.

CHAPTER XVI.—Stationery.

Stamped Envelopes—It was not until 1916 that the authorities decided to issue stamped envelopes for use in the Canal Zone. Whether this delay was due to lack of a demand for them or to some other cause has not been revealed. At any rate for nearly twelve years after the first use of adhesive stamps was begun, no envelopes were provided.

The first issue was of two values, one and two centesimos de balboa. The paper of the envelopes is white wove, and the designs of the stamps are the same as those of the adhesives of the same values of the ninth series. The surcharge was applied at the Mount Hope printing plant and is in block type. Thirty thousand of the one centesimo de balboa and forty thousand of the two centesimos de balboa was the initial order for these envelopes. The size is 165 mm. by 93 mm. They were first reported in May, 1916.

Postal Cards—There have been two issues of postal cards for the Canal Zone. The first appeared in 1907. The card used was the Panama two centavos. The stamp is of the same design as the two centavos rose, of the third series of postage stamps with the name of the American Bank Note Co. beneath the design.

The surcharge is in antique type like that used upon the seventh series of postage stamps and is printed in black. The words "CANAL ZONE" read upward. Between them is the value "1ct".

Several errors of this surcharge are known. There is a double surcharge upon the stamp; a double surcharge, one of which is upon the stamp, and the other is reversed in the lower left corner; a triple surcharge, two of which are upon the stamp, and the third is reversed in the lower left corner; and a single surcharge reversed in the lower left corner, but none on the stamp.

Reference List.

1c on 2c rose, black surcharge.
a—surcharge double.
b—surcharge double, one normal, the other reversed in lower left corner.
c—surcharge triple, two on stamp, one reversed in lower left corner.
d—no surcharge on stamp but one reversed in lower left corner.

In 1908 a different card was issued. This time the card used was the one centesimo de balboa of Panama with stamp of the same design as that of the same value of the seventh series of adhesive stamps. The "CANAL ZONE" surcharge is in antique type reading downward, but the type is smaller than that used on the first postal card. The surcharge of the value is omitted. Two errors of this card have been reported, viz., a double surcharge, and one reversed in the lower left corner with the one on the stamp missing. In the latter part of November, or the first part of December, 1910, this card was issued with the New York surcharge.

Reference List.

1c de b. green. Local surcharge.
a—surcharge double.
b—no surcharge on stamp but one reversed in lower left corner.
1c de b. green. New York surcharge.

SOME PRECANCEL NOTES.

By DR. W. I. MITCHELL.

Wichita is beginning to use precancelled dues; have the 3c perf. 12 inverted and 2c perf. 10 normal. These are in the small type used Xmas 1914, not the electrolyte plate type.

One out of every 10 stamps of the current small type Northampton, Mass., has the name spelled "Northampton." This occurs on the regular issue 1c to 30 inclusive and the 75c parcel post.

Barron, Wis., seem very difficult to pick up. Have only been able to get the 8 and 10 cent normal and the 4 cent inverted. Would be glad to know of any other values existing.

I have the following values from Albert Lea, Minnesota, electrolyte plate, 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15 and 20 cents, all perf. 10 normal, and presume the entire set exists.

In Albuquerque, New Mexico, I have the 6c normal, 1, 3, 6 and 7c reading up and the 3, 6 and 8c reading down. The 5c parcel post also exists, I am informed, but have not seen it.

Assumption, Ills., is a newcomer. Have a 2c perf. 10, in purple ink, inverted.

Belleville, Illinois, has a very neat precancellation, name in two lines surrounded by an oblong frame. Have the 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15 and 20c, all normal.

Last Xmas the Beverly, Mass., office precancelled the following: Regular issue: 13c 1902, 2c and 5c 1912 perf. 12 and the current 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 10c perf. 10; 15, 20 and 25c parcel post, 10c Special Delivery perf. 10 and the 1c Due perf. 12 and 2c perf. 10; some of these are very scarce.

Binghamton, New York, where the Kilmer Medicine Co. have used the dated precancels so long, has discontinued them and is now using an electrolyte plate. Have only the 1c and 2c as yet.

Birmingham, Alabama, precancels have always been rather scarce, except the 1c value, until recently, when they seem to be in use more commonly. I have the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 50c perf. 12 and the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10c perf. 10

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Brockton, Mass., is now using a plate same type as current New York. The 10c is the only value I have seen as yet. Campello Station, Brockton, which used only the 1c to 5c values for a long time, is now using the full set, 1c to 30c inclusive, as well as the 50c parcel post.

Just recently I secured the \$1, 1908 precancelled Cincinnati, Ohio, in the "horseshoe" type. This is the first \$1 I have seen from there except the \$1 parcel post which may be found normal and reading up or down, also have a copy reading normal and inverted together. Have never seen the 8c 1912 in this horseshoe type, although the 1, 2, 10, 15 and 50c are common.

From an Idaho source of supply I am still receiving quite a few precancelled parcel posts, especially the 5 and 25c Tacoma, 75c San Francisco and 2c Detroit; showing that there is evidently still quite a supply of these values on hand at these offices.

Pocatello, Idaho, is now using precancels. The 1c is the only value I have. Twin Falls, Idaho, used the 25c parcel post precancelled last Xmas, which is the only Idaho parcel post I've seen or heard of. Boise is now using the 1c and 6c in purple ink; heretofore they have come in the regulation gray-black ink.—Philatelic Gossip.

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CHAPTER XXI.—The Queen Victoria Seven Cents.

Although the reduction in the domestic rate of postage from 3c to 2c in 1899 made the 8c stamp—which was primarily intended for the combined payment of postage and the registration fee—of little use it was not until December, 1902, that this value was replaced by a seven cents denomination. The new stamp was first announced as being in preparation in a newspaper despatch dated Ottawa, Dec. 18th, 1902, viz.:—

The Post Office Department announces that on the 24th instant it will be in a position to supply a seven cent postage stamp to accounting post-offices throughout Canada. This stamp, which is of yellow color, will be especially convenient for postage and registration fee on single rate letters, while it may also be used for other postage purposes to the extent of its face value. Non-accounting offices can obtain their supply through the city post offices. This new stamp will bear the Queen's head, the department not having yet decided on the design of the King's head issue.

This posthumous Queen's head stamp was of similar design to the other values of the numeral series and had the same sheet arrangement and marginal inscriptions. There was but one plate—numbered "1"—from which Mr. Howes estimates about one million stamps were printed.

This stamp was issued on December 23rd, 1902, according to a statement in the official Report.

Reference List.

Dec. 23rd, 1902. Engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Co., Ottawa. No Wmk. Perf. 12.

77. 7c olive-yellow, Scott's No. 88.

CHAPTER XXII.—The King Edward Issue.

King Edward VII ascended the throne on January 22nd, 1901, but it was not until nearly two and a half years later that the Dominion of Canada issued new stamps bearing the portrait of the new sovereign. In the meantime

there was much comment and speculation as to when the new stamps would appear and as to what form they would take, though the Post Office Department for reasons best known to itself, exercised a discreet silence on the matter. Early in 1903 it was reported in the newspapers that designs had been submitted and that the Postmaster-General had chosen one "bearing an excellent likeness of His Majesty." But the earliest detailed information concerning the expected stamps appeared in the *Metropolitan Philatelist* for April 18th, 1903, viz.:—

The King's head series of Canadian stamps will probably shortly make its appearance. The die has been received by the Post Office Department and approved of. The stamp will be very similar to the present stamp except that the maple leaf in each of the upper corners will be replaced by a crown. The figures of value will appear in the lower corners as at present and the value will be spelled out as at present in the oval frame which surrounds the portrait. This frame will be as in the present stamp. The portrait of the King shows him three-quarters to the right, head and shoulders, as the Queen is in the present stamp, but there is no crown on his head. The portrait is an exceptionally nice one and it is understood that Royalty has had something to do with its selection. The die was made in England, although the American Bank Note Co. are contractors for the government work.

These details all proved correct and shortly afterwards postmasters were given definite information with regard to the forthcoming stamps by means of an official circular, dated June 10th, and worded as follows:—

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The new King Edward 1c, 2c, 5c, 7c and 10c stamps were accordingly issued to the public on Dominion Day (July 1st), 1903.

It will be noted in one of the extracts quoted above that the die for the new stamps was engraved in London, and shortly after the appearance of the stamps the *London Philatelist* published the following article which is of such interest as to merit its reproduction in full:—

Although for a long time past we have been aware of the circumstances attending the preparation of the new postage stamps for Canada, and in a position to illustrate the approved design, we have refrained from publishing the facts in compliance with the desire of the authorities that no details should be made public until the stamps have been completed and were ready to be put into circulation. We believe that the delay which has taken place in bringing out the new issue has been due to questions arising out of the existing contract under which the postage stamps of the Dominion are produced, and that even after the approval of the design and the receipt of the die some difficulties were experienced in connection with the preparation of the plates by the contractors.

These have happily been surmounted, and now that the issue is an accomplished fact it is with much gratification that we illustrate the design of the new stamp, our illustration, prepared some time back, being taken from a proof from the steel die engraved by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., of London, and used in the manufacture of the plates of the several values issued by the Canadian postal authorities on the 1st instant. By comparing our illustration with the stamp as issued it will be seen that the contractors or the postal authorities have made some alterations in the

design, which, in our judgment, are by no means improvements. The leaves in the lower corners have been redrawn on a smaller scale, and hardly impinge upon the frame; their drawing is vastly inferior, and the graceful effect of the broken circle is lost. The numerals of value are in color on a white ground reversing the original design, the labels being larger and the figures taller and thinner, this also detracting materially from the charming homogeneity of the stamp as first proposed. The greatest alteration, and the worst, is the substitution of heavy diagonal lines for horizontal ones in the background. The latter were finely drawn and delicately shaded, leaving the King's Head in clear outline, and framed by the dark oval band containing the inscriptions. The background and frame no longer present this artistic effect, and the whole design materially suffers thereby.

The circumstances connected with the inception of the issue are as gratifying as they are novel, and will be hailed with acclamation by the Philatelists of the British Empire.

The Postmaster of Canada, Sir William Mulock, being one of the many distinguished visitors to this country during the Coronation festivities, took the opportunity afforded by his visit of approaching the Prince of Wales, and of meeting His Royal Highness's suggestions and advice in the preparation of a new die for the Canadian stamps. The Prince, with his characteristic energy and courtesy, cheerfully undertook the task, and it will be seen from our illustration with absolute and conspicuous success. H. R. H. wisely decided, in the first instance, that it is advisable to have some continuity of design in succeeding issues, and therefore adopted the frame and groundwork of the then current stamps as a basis. In selecting a portrait of His Majesty the Prince decided to rely upon a photograph giving a true likeness of the King as we know him, in lieu of an idealized representation by an artist. The photograph eventually chosen, with the full approval of His Majesty, was one taken shortly before the Coronation.

The likeness is undoubtedly what is termed a speaking one, and with the addition of the Coronation robes represents as faithful and as pleasing a picture of the King, at the time of his accession to the throne, as it is possible to find. The introduction of the Tudor crowns in the upper angles, which was another of the Prince's innovations, obviates the difficulty that has so often made "the head that wears a crown" lie "uneasy" on a postage stamp. These emblems of sovereignty, taken in conjunction with the Canadian maple leaves in the lower angles, completes a design that for harmony, boldness and simplicity has assuredly not been excelled by any hitherto issued stamps of the British Empire. It is palpable, on analysing the stamp, (1) that the attractiveness of the design has in no way been allowed to militate against its utility, for the country of origin and denomination are clearly expressed; (2) that the boldness of the

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EDITORIAL.

Strange—We have acquired a cover whose postmark gave us a start of surprise. The envelope bears a two cent stamp of the current issue, perforated 10, and the postmark, "Texas City, Tex.—Jul. 20—4 P. M.—Military Sta." A regulation cancellation is employed in addition. While the lower part of the postmark is not so plain as it might be, there is no question but that "Military Sta." is indicated. This military postmark is a novelty to us as we have no record of its existence. We were in touch with the U. S. soldiers in Mexico and had something to say at different times regarding the army postal provisions. If the departmental reports did speak of a special postmark, the order creating it escaped our notice, although we were on the watch for it. At any rate, the military postmark arising from the Mexican imbroglio is here to add variety to the collection of United States military postmarks.

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Uncovered—Here is the tale of another find that a big newspaper in this country thinks important enough to include under its news from war lands. The story is one that is not cast in heroic mould but it will appeal to the public while the philatelist will sympathize with the simplicity that featured a comparatively ordinary stamp, even on cover. A Liverpool find consisted of an envelope that bore the postmark of Bakewell in Derbyshire and was dated in 1850. "The writing on the envelope was far clearer and more distinct, and in every way superior to the average penmanship of today, while the stamp was one of the old red-brick colored ones in use before the days when stamp sheets were perforated or gummed and when they were in sheets of 240 and had to be separated by the scissors." The cover collector will appreciate the remarks on chirography as they reflect his thought on occasion but the one outstanding statement is that the cover was used before the day when stamps were gummed. This is the first time that we ever encountered this artless description. We do not have to deny for the information of our youngest readers this statement, as it was the adhesive part of the postage stamp as much as the design itself that made the invention of the adhesive postage stamp the great factor it was.

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Rarest—While we are on the subject of newspaper philately, we cannot dismiss that classic story of the one cent, 1856 British Guiana, without a word. What enthusiasms the description, the "only one in the world" creates in the mind of the newspaper editor. This in truth makes a tale worth unfolding in

the columns of his paper and he is eager to give it play. The story of the find of the one cent black on magenta, 1856, British Guiana, the supreme rarity, is one of engrossing interest from the time the young collector discovered the stamp to the interment of the "only one known" in the philatelic mausoleum of the great la Renotiere. It is no wonder that editors are always willing to receive this stirring story,—but we do not intend to repeat it here when it was published in the Philadelphia *Public Ledger* recently, having been copied from the English juvenile publication, "Chums." Thus, the story of the most fascinating of stamps takes its way around the globe once again.

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Exception—We have censored envelopes by the score but the variant that Mrs. W. E. Underwood calls attention to is the first that we have heard of as reversing the usual order of things. Mrs. Underwood says: "The envelope contained a photograph which did not 'arrive.' It has the usual 'Opened by Censor' over the end. On the face covering the address is a large blue label, with coat-of-arms and 'Returned to Sender by the Censor' in two lines. Stamped over this is a purple outline like this: 'Undelivered for reasons stated. Return to sender,' in two lines."

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Jumbled—From our correspondent, Theodore Siddall, Shanghai, China, we have received a long clipping from the North China *Daily News* of August 12th, 1916, that furnishes full information on the subject of China's fluctuating currency. We shall keep the article on file as space cannot be given at present for its reproduction. A perusal of the findings of the authority in question will enlighten one on the subject that is intricate and involved. Suffice it to say that the financier in China must be alert to adapt himself to constantly shifting conditions. Mr. Siddall says: "A lot of collectors in the U. S. have got the idea that all the French Consular office stamps and the other Chinese surcharges are made to stick collectors but while, of course, they have one eye on this, the main reason is because they do not want Chinese buying them at one town for say 85 or 90 cents on the dollar and shipping them to some other town where the money is worth 100 cents on the dollar. The set of French that is listed in the 1916 catalogue on pages 328 and 329 are in use in the big towns, where there is not so much variation in exchange, such as Amoy, Hankow, Foochow, Tientsin, Shanghai and Peking. The job of keeping accounts is something awful here in China with the small money and big money. Most of the post offices sell their stamps for Mexican dollars, as you can get \$1.10 in silver and four copper cents for a

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Egypt of the present is only a shadow of a once great empire, the home of a civilization older than that of Greece. The last successor of its powerful rulers, the Khedive, lives under the British protection at Alexandria in his palace of Ras et-Tin (3 miles, 1914)—the name itself is said to mean "promontory of figs." This might be juggled around to mean that the Khedive was ripening there like a fig, waiting to be plucked and swallowed by the British Empire. One of the greatest evidences of this British influence in Egypt is the Assuan Dam (200 miles, 1914), extending a distance of one and a quarter miles across the Nile River at the first cataract—probably the largest piece of work of its kind in the world. An English firm of contractors began the construction in 1898 and the Dam was dedicated in 1902. Primarily it was constructed to aid in the irrigation of the desert region. In February of each year a large lake collects back of the Dam when the gates are shut—on the stamp the sluices are shown open. Sometime in March the demand for irrigation becomes urgent, and then the water is directed out over the land, as it is in certain sections of our own West.

At Cairo in the Egypt of the British Protectorate the Citadel (50 miles, 1914) is a great reminder of the country's glory in the Middle Ages under the famous Saladin. In 1176 A. D. the construction was begun on a height overlooking the city. Stone was quarried from the lesser pyramids of Gizeh, on the Nile below Cairo; and much of the actual work of laying the blocks in place was done by the forced labor of the Europeans who had been captured on the Crusades. Saladin did not live to make his home in the Citadel, which, however, served as the residence of each succeeding ruler until 1850. Changes and additions have been so numerous that very little of the original construction remains. The famous Alabaster Mosque, which seems to be the principal feature of the illustration on the stamp, is of comparatively recent origin, having been completed in 1857. It with its alabaster-encrusted walls is, altho built in the courtyard of the Citadel, one of the show-places of Cairo. Another interesting feature is the so-called Well of Joseph, which, altho by legend is said to have been the one in which the Joseph of the Bible was put by his brothers, was actually drilled by the famous Saladin to supply water for the Citadel.

Rameses II, the builder of temples who has in the past often been identified with the Pharaoh of Oppression of the Bible (Exodus I. 11), lived and ruled twenty-five centuries before Saladin. At the present town of Luxor, built on the site of the ancient metropolis of Thebes, is a series of temples, nearly all of which were constructed by this famous Egyptian ruler. The two colossi or great stone statues (10 miles, 1914), which have been excavated from the ruins, very probably are of Rameses II seated. One of the entrances to the Karnak Temple north of Luxor (20 miles, 1914), also of his construction, is still a notable example of the architecture of ancient Egypt, altho many

changes have been made in the original structure.

In front of the Great Temple of Abu-Simbel, on the Nile between the first and second cataracts, is a group of four colossi, a pair on each side of the entrance (100 miles, 1914), all representing Rameses II, by whom the temple was constructed. The size of these statues may be better realized by the statement that they are over sixty feet in height. During the course of time the second of the colossi has lost its head and shoulders, as is shown in the illustration on the stamp. The Great Temple as well as the statues was carved from solid rock. It was made with its front entrance facing to the east, so that at dawn the sun's rays penetrated into the very heart of the temple. Altho dedicated to certain gods, it was also used for the worship of Rameses II himself.

But the three great pyramids of Gizeh (4 miles, 1914) were erected some twelve or fifteen centuries before the time of Rameses II in the plain to the south of the present city of Cairo and near ancient Memphis. Cheops, Kephren, and Mencheres were the kings of Egypt who built these, their tombs. In fact the whole group of pyramids was nothing more than a vast cemetery for the kings who lived in Memphis. Sealed airtight and with neither doors nor windows, they were well adapted to the preservation of mummies, the royal mummies. Even at the present day the inner passageways, after having been carefully explored and opened to ventilation, are so stuffy that apoplectic persons are often cautioned against visiting them. The Great Pyramid, four hundred and fifty feet high, covers eleven acres, but there are many smaller ones, some being even less than twenty feet high—all a vast cemetery that has long since served its purpose.

Near the Great Pyramid is the Sphinx (5 miles, 1914), a huge piece of rock carved to represent the Egyptian God Harmachis, the name having no real relation with the word Sphinx excepting that the riddle of the statue's origin has never been solved. It was known in the time of Kephren, the builder of the Second Pyramid of Gizeh, and is probably many centuries older.

Harmachis was one of the principal forms of the Sun God, representing the sun in its course across the sky from sunrise to sunset. In all of his many forms he usually had the head of a hawk, altho the Great Sphinx was his symbol.

An ancient inscription has it that in the time of one of the early Egyptian kings the Sphinx had become entirely covered with sand. Harmachis appeared to this man one day during his after-dinner nap, and offered to make him the King of Egypt if he would clear away the sand. After the work of excavation was completed, the God fulfilled his promise. But among the succeeding rulers this figure of the Sphinx was not very popular, probably owing to the fact that it was thought to be connected with foreigners or with a foreign religion, prior to their time. And still this statue of the Sphinx remains with the riddle of its origin unsolved.

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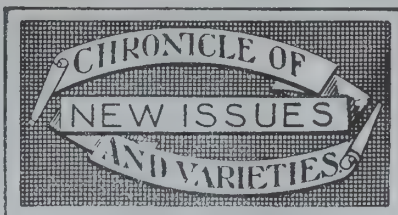
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REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING SEPT. 20, 1916.

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Amount on hand as per last report, \$38.21
Dues received, .50
Total, \$38.71
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Printing of report, 2.00
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—J. M. Bartels also reports the 1c and 2c values on unwatermarked paper. Most of the stamps come poorly centered.

Several correspondents have called attention to the fact that the Officially Sealed stamps are now printed in black on pink paper. This stamp was fully chronicled last May, but is evidently being issued to the different postoffices as old stock becomes exhausted.

The following new envelopes have been reported by J. M. Bartels:—

Issue 1915.				
Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk. Kn.
1c	A	13	Buff	19 89
1c	A	13	Blue	20 89
Above are ungummed.				
Issue 1916.				
2c	A	11	White	20 88

HONDURAS.—The Stamp Lover chronicles two new values in the current picture, the 50c with the "Puente Ulua," and the 1p with the "Teatro Bonilla."

Adhesives.

50c rose.
1p green.

LONG ISLAND.—The following is from the *London Telegraph*: "The attention of the Postmaster-General has been drawn to announcements and advertisements in the press concerning certain overprinted Turkish fiscal stamps and typewritten labels purporting to be postage stamps issued in Long Island, Asia Minor. Notice is accordingly given that the issue of the stamps and labels in question was unauthorized, and that the Post Office has never recognised such stamps and labels as valid for the prepayment of postage."

ST. VINCENT.—J. A. Galbraith has shown us the new "War Stamp" for this Colony, these words being printed in one line in medium condensed Gothic type, on the 1d scarlet King George stamp. This is not to be confused with the first issue, with the same overprint in two lines of square Gothic letters.

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS.—The Stamp Lover notes the issue of the 5d value in the current King George type.

Adhesive.

5d olive.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Thos. S. Fletcher, Herman W. Boers, R. G. Montgomery, J. Weer Chew, L. A. Judkins, Dr. Justus Sinexon.

—Herman W. Boers informs us that W. F. Gregory was a recent visitor to Detroit. He was in the city ten days and saw many of the Detroit collectors.

—Lowell J. Ragatz writes that R. T. Goode of Salem, Ore., has settled his account and claim against him is withdrawn. We are pleased to publish this item.

—There is to be a new dealer in the field. Edgar H. Plummer, 11 Woronoco Av., Westfield, Mass., has entered the stamp trade. Our readers will hear from him later.

—Attention of Grill Chef:

Find enclosed ten cents in stamps for a copy of the recent booklet on U. S. Grills. I have no doubt but that it is "well done." I suppose the original engravings have been retained, and the "plates" will be "fork"ed over. I noted in the series that "biscuits" also may be expected.—FRANKLIN S. SMITH.

HE'S TALKING ABOUT ALBUMS, HEAR HIM



If you're a normal Philatelist you probably "Cuss" printed albums, because you hate to remount your stamps in an equally inferior Album. You haven't bought an Album since the day you started collecting and now it is old-fashioned, out of date and worn out, so that the very sight of it disgusts you with the hobby. In comes a fellow collector for an evening's stamp talk and to look over your collection, which request you can't turn down. You hate to pull out the old dilapidated Album with stamps stuck around on the margin where no spaces have been provided for your shades, pairs, oddities, etc. Still a new album of the same kind would be equally as unsatisfactory in a short time and you balk at buying it. You have spent a lot of money in trying to complete a general collection and have found it an endless task. There's where we and our line of Marquette Sectional and Blank Loose Leaf Albums shine. They're as good Albums as any collector ever used. There is such a big variety of Albums in our stock to permanently satisfy you forever. Blank Albums with all sorts of up-to-date binders, many sized leaves, hinged or crimped, of ledger bond or stout art paper, that you can be suited just right in a minute.

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Advertising Chat

This issue of our publication gives an indication of what may be expected during the coming months. It is evident that the season of 1916-17 will be one of the biggest the stamp trade has ever known. This particular number offers the collector some splendid opportunities for investment.

Our issue of October 28 will be known as the "Season-Opener" and we bespeak your patronage of it. If you want only small space take an adlet. If you want to buy or exchange take our word for it, this department is examined thoroughly by our readers.

"Stamp Collecting" of England compliments Bill Bloss by reprinting an installment of his dealer article. Evidently they appreciate a good thing across the pond. We shall reprint this article in book form the first of November and the first edition will consist of 2000 copies.

J. E. Handshaw of N. Y. City visited Boston recently on a trip into New England including Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. He was accompanied by his wife in celebration of the 25th anniversary of their marriage. Dealers desiring to get wholesale lots will find Mr. Handshaw at 18 John St., N. Y. City.

Recently the firm of B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, used an entire page in the WEEKLY and check for \$60 in payment for the same was promptly forthcoming. Did the advertisement pay? The best evidence that we have is the fact that another page comes along this week. We are always glad to get a Drew adv. and we hope our readers will be as pleased to peruse it as we are to furnish it.

We are informed that Geo. W. Linn has severed his connection with the printing and publishing business and has taken an office on High St. in Columbus. This is the principal street of the city and he is located at 335 S. High, only a few blocks from the center of the city in a very commodious room on the second floor. Mr. Linn has furnished his office in the most approved metropolitan style and expects to handle a nice lot of local stamp business. The WEEKLY is aware that Columbus and its immediate vicinity has a small army of stamp collectors and a stamp shop in this city should certainly meet with a hearty support. We expect to have Mr. Linn as a regular advertiser.

One cannot fail to note with interest the large advertisement of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. in this number. It deals with a trite subject, the 1917 catalog. The Scott Co. promises this catalog as ready for distribution early in November and dealer and collector alike will rejoice in its early publication. We are situated where we can appreciate the difficulties under which the publishers have labored in producing this book and an upward revision in prices is certainly justified when one considers the cost of the materials. During the past four months the WEEKLY has paid for paper stock more than double what it paid during the corresponding months one year ago.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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U. S., No. 163, Cat. \$1.25, only 50c. U. S., Nos. 31 and 190, Cat. \$1, only 40c. U. S., Nos. 238-240 inc., Cat. \$1.65, only 70c. Austria, No. 126, a beauty, only \$1.10. Netherlands, Nos. 227-230 inc., Cat. \$2.27, \$1.00. Switzerland, Nos. 23 and 24, Cat. .85, only 50c. Bos. Herzogwina unused Nos. 30-46 inc. Cat. \$3.87, only \$1.70. **ROLAND STRASS-HOFER**, 2815 Euclid Hgts. Blvd., Cleveland, O.

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*China 1912, No. 103, 1c ochre, Cat. \$5., \$2.50
1912, No. 104, 3c slate grn., Cat. \$5., \$2.50
Surcharged in red. Guaranteed genuine. **KAY**, 122 E. Washington Lane, Germantown, Pa.

Panama, No. 18, 10c yellow, Cat. 25c, .03
No. 20, 50c bistre brown, Cat. .40, .10
Col. Rep., No. 137, 1 peso used, Cat. 1.00, .25
Try our app. sheets. Bargains. Ref. Belmont Stamp Co., 90 Belmont, Detroit, Mich.

16 Congo 1894, 25c orange & blk., mint, .10
31 Congo 1903, 5c green & blk., mint, .07
32 Congo 1903, 10c car. & blk., mint, .08
182 China 1913, 6c gray, .02
183 7c violet, 3c; 184, 8c orange, .03
186 15c brown, 6c; 187, 16c ol. green, .07
Geo. T. Simpson, 433 Pearl St., Buffalo, N.Y.*

Fine Collection Holland & Cols. about complete. Face value unused alone \$20. Collection cats. \$130. First \$75 check takes it. **L. W. MORRISSEY**, Weehawken, N. J.

Philippines 1906, 2 to 20 & 30c, Cat. 76c, 35c. **Occidental Stamp Co.**, 4032 Anza St., San Francisco. [tf]

100 all diff. 10c; 10 for 60c; 100 for \$5;
200 all diff. 25c; 10 for \$1.50; 100 for \$12;
300 all diff. 50c; 10 for \$3; 100 for \$25;
500 all diff. \$1.25; 10 for \$7.50.
1000 all diff. \$2.75; 10 for \$17.50.
100 U. S. post. 40c; 10 for \$2.50; 100 for \$20.
150 U. S. post. 75c; 10 for \$5.
200 inc. rev. \$1; 10 for \$6.50.

Packets contain all different genuine postage stamps, but the last offer contains revenues. **J. Trauner**, 1134 Farm Rd., Secaucus, N.J. [tf]

U. S. P. post. 75c mint, 80c. 25c due fine, 40c. 1c due used, 2c. Ask for lists. **W. E. EGBERT**, Chester, Penna. [46]

Canada Coils and War Tax. A check and net price list free. Hobby Club, Winnipeg, Can. [47]

This is the cheapest stamp advertising in the world. 20c per line. Try it

Wanted for spot cash, U. S. post stamps singly or lots. Kindly submit offers. **Theo Abrams**, Dpt. 50, 701 Hatch Av., Woodhaven, N. Y. [48]

"Cleaning House." Another clearance parcel of dealers stock, odds and ends, good, bad, and indifferent. About 800 stamps in all, incl. such stamps as 50c Canada, K. Geo. N. Zealand Kings Heads, etc., also many old & new U. S. (some stamps cat. 25c to 75c). Lot too bulky for complete description, but a bargain for someone at \$2.85. Money refunded if sold. **H. R. STILES**, 366 McClellan St., Schenectady, N. Y.

Hard-to-get Jamaica at Bargain Prices.
1875, CC 2sh red bro., mint, 70c ea.; used 70c ea.
1897, CA 2sh do., mint, \$1 ea.; used 75c ea.
1903-5, CA 5d. yell. & blk., mint, 70c ea.; used 50c ea.
1905-9, Mult. 5d. do., mint, \$1 ea.; used 80c ea.
Mult. 2sh red bro. mint, \$7 ea.; used \$5 ea.
'06-10, Mult. 2sh vio. blu., mt., 60c ea.; used 60c ea.
'11, Mult. 4d red on bl., mt., 15c ea.; used 15c ea.
'05-9, Mult. 5sh viol. & blk., mt., \$1.50; used 90c ea.
Many other hard-to-get in stock, send me your want list and your Society No. and get them on app. **GEO. A. GOUBAULT**, Annotto Bay, Jamaica. B. W. I. Member A. P. S. 4640, S. P. A. 1932.

50 diff. Hayti, many issues, Cat. \$5.00, \$1.95
80 diff. Venezuela good sets, Cat. \$7.50, 2.15
100 diff. Portuguese Colonies, 2.00
C. A. BREWSTER, 1432 Belt, St. Louis, Mo. [tf]

Free: N. Zealand War stamp with first 1, 2, 3c, app. **Riedell**, 44 Kelton, Schenectady, N.Y. [tf]

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322 Tremont Bldg., 8.15 P. M.

The next regular meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday evening, October 17, at 8.15 p. m. The entertainment will consist of an auction during which those who have entered lots will sell someone else's lots. This has been tried before and has proved entertaining.

The names of the following applicants for membership will be voted upon—**Mr. H. Steele**, proposed by **F. W. Stiles**, **Mr. S. E. Cassino**, proposed by **E. M. Carpenter** and **Mr. F. D. Pollard, Jr.**, proposed by **F. W. Stiles**.

An amendment of the Constitution, proposed by **Mr. A. P. Brown** will be taken up at the meeting.

Those who desire to dine informally before the meeting will be at the club-room at 6.00 p. m.

FREDERIC W. STILES, Sec.

Don't Forget That There is an Auction at Every Informal Meeting!

New York Stamp Society.

A. P. S. Branch 44.

Tuxedo Hall, 59th St. and Madison Ave.

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NEW YORK CITY, Oct. 6, 1916.

In the absence of President Bartels and Vice President Meininger, **H. M. Lewy** took the chair. Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted. The committee that had been appointed to look into the "Get-Together-Dinner" made their report, that the banquet or dinner was to be held at the Hotel Endicott, 81st St. and Columbus Ave., on Saturday night, Nov. 18, 1916, 8 p. m. sharp. The charge is \$1.25 per plate, and the members are allowed to bring their guests. The dinner is run under the auspices of the philatelic societies of New York and vicinity. **J. W. Scott** has been appointed Chairman of the dinner, **E. Weiss**, Sec., **Mr. Plach**, Treasurer, **J. M. Bartels**, Chairman of the Reception Committee, **Mr. Goetz**, Chairman of the Arrangement Committee, with Messrs. Mouhib and Staeb serving on the Committee. The individual members of the N. Y. Stamp Society will be notified when tickets are on sale.

Eugene Klein showed a volume of his reference collection, which was very interesting and instructive, showing the various reprints and counterfeits of stamps such as U. S. locals, revenues and foreign. Meeting adjourned at a very late hour. 16 members and 3 visitors were present.

W. O. STAEB, Sec.

CANAL ZONE PRICINGS WANTED.

We shall be grateful to any of our subscribers who will send us in any auction prices on Canal Zone stamps that have come under their observation. We shall include the same in **Dr. Evans'** book on "The Stamps of the Canal Zone."

Genuine mss. letter written by **J. L. Riddell** whose name appears on Confederate Local Stamps Scott's Nos. 104-109. Make an offer. **L. W. MORRISSEY**, Weehawken, N. J.

Fine approvals, and by fine I mean good stamps, great variety (15,000 varieties in stock) fine condition and at a greater discount from catalog prices than I can mention here. This ad. appears small but I have the goods and at the right prices. Ref. necessary. **M. J. FENSTER**, 65 So. Allen St., Albany, N. Y. Member A.P.S. and S.P.A.

Remington typewriter, cost \$100, good condition, to exchange for general collection of 3000 to 4000 var. **J. W. SAMPSON**, 132 Nassau St., New York. [47]

SPECIAL AUTUMN BARGAIN SALE!

We offer the following lots at prices much below the **MARKET** to attract new trade and to keep **MONEY IN CIRCULATION**, Clerks busy, Collectors Happy. In many cases we have only one copy to offer at these prices, hence the price is for that particular copy only. We say **NOTHING** about **CONDITION** for this reason—to wit, that if you do not think any stamp we send you is worth the money, you have not only the privilege but the **RIGHT** to return it to us and **GET YOUR MONEY BACK**. That's all we claim. Nothing could be fairer. And—there'll be no talk about it. So **GET** out your album, look this over, check it up and send us an order—be it ever so humble. We will allow you 3% discount on any order over \$20.00 at one time; **TERMS CASH WITH ORDER**. If we can't fill it on receipt, we'll refund balance. Nothing will be sent unless ordered. Hence it is wise to send a "supplementary order" about twice the amount of the remittance. Then no one is likely to be seriously disappointed. Requests for "approvals" will be entertained, but will be secondary to **CASH ORDERS**. Your move, next.

UNITED STATES.	
1847, 5c, 10c, Nos. 28-9	\$8.50 \$3.25
1851, 1c type III	30.00 9.00
5c clasp at bottom	3.00
10c green	1.50 .75
12c black*	20.00 4.00
1857-60, 1c type I	7.50 3.50
5c brick red	8.00 4.50
5c brown, type I	5.00 2.50
5c brown, type II	5.00 2.50
24c gray	4.00 2.00
30c orange*	10.00 4.00
90c blue	20.00 8.00
1861, 3c pink	7.50 3.70
5c yellow	7.50 3.50
24c red lilac	2.50 1.60
90c blue	5.00 2.00
3c scarlet * o. g., cut at top.	90.00 20.00
1867, 3c entire embossing, No. 79	4.00
3c 13x16	5.00 2.20
2c 12x14	2.50 1.25
3c 12x14	2.50 1.25
15c 11x13	3.00 1.45
11x13, 1, 2, 3, 10	3.70 1.20
9x13, 1, 2, 3, 10, 12, 15	4.35 1.60
9x13, 24c	6.00 3.00
9x13, 90c blue	12.00 4.75
1869, 1*, 2*, 6, 12c	4.85 1.65
15c (no frame)	3.50 1.75
24c	5.00 2.00
30c	3.50 1.50
90c	15.00 7.50
1869, 1c-issue 12c * o. g.	6.25
15c used	10.00 4.00
24c	10.00 4.00
30c	16.00 6.70
1870, (grille) 1, 2, 3	4.00 1.50
6c or 7c	4.00 1.50
1871, Nat'l set 1-30c, fair only	6.53 2.00
1873, 1-90c (24c Nat'l) set used	7.46 2.65
1888, 90c purple used	2.25 1.00
1890, set used 1-90c	1.16 .50
1894, set 1c-1 used	3.14 1.35
\$2.00 unused	6.50 3.20
\$5.00 used	5.00 3.35
1893, (Columbian) 1-30c used	1.37 .60
50c unused	3.00 1.80
\$1.00 unused	3.00 1.80
\$2, \$3, \$4, \$5 unused. 10% over face.	1.53 .70
1895, 1c-\$1 used	3.00 2.00
\$2.00 used	3.00 2.00
\$5.00 used, damaged	1.00
1898, Omaha 1-50c used	1.45 .70
\$1.00 unused	2.50 1.10
\$2.00 used, wee dft.	1.90
Baltimore, 1c No. 803, * o. g.	8.00 4.00
1c, No. 804	15.00 5.00
1c Eye type, blue	25.00 9.00
1c red Eye type, red	10.00 3.60
1c red, No. 803, used	35.00 13.10
1c blue, No. 807*	30.00 12.30
Boston Penny Post, 1c blue, No. 813, on cover	10.00
New York 1842-6, 3c blue, No. 848, 15.00	6.00
3c blue, No. 848a	17.50 6.60
U. S. Mail, 1846-9, 1c rose, No. 851	5.00
1c yellow, No. 853	20.00 7.60
1c buff, No. 854	20.00 8.00
Louisville, Ky., 2c blue-green, No. 841	10.00 4.00
New York, 5c black, No. 17	10.00 5.00
Providence 5c, No. 19*	4.00 2.00

DEPARTMENTS.	
Agriculture, 1, 2, 3, 6c used	\$5.35 \$1.75
10c used	4.50 1.50
12c pen-can., fine	6.50 2.00
15c	3.50 1.10
24c used	4.00 1.40
30c pen-can.	4.00 1.00
Executive, 1, 3, 6c, Specimen	2.25
2c	6.50 1.35
10c	8.00 2.40
Post Office, set 1-90c	7.45 2.45
State, 1c used	1.75 .60
2c used	4.00 1.40
7c used	2.50 1.00
10c used	2.00 .70
12c defective	3.75 .75
15c used	3.50 1.50
24c used	6.00 2.00
30c used	5.00 1.50
90c used	10.00 5.00
\$2.00 used, wee tear	20.00 5.00
\$5.00 used, tear (all there)	33.70
\$10.00 unused o. g.	75.00 33.00
Interior, 1-90c, complete set	8.05 2.00
Justice, 1c unused	1.50 .50
2c unused	3.00 1.00
3c used	2.25 .90
10c used	2.50 .60
12c unused	3.00 1.40
15c used	5.00 1.85
24c* very fine, wee dft.	5.00
30c (same remarks)	15.00 5.00
90c used	27.50 10.00
Navy, 1, 2, 3, 6c used	2.50 .90
7c used	8.50 2.50
10c unused	2.50 .85
12c unused	1.50 .50
15c pen-can.	2.25 .75
24c pen-can.	4.00 1.00
30c pen-can.	3.00 .85
90c used	9.00 2.60
Treasury, 1-90c used (poor 24)	6.83 1.90
War, 1-90c, used	4.68 1.25

POSTAGE DUES.	
1879, brown set 1-50c used	\$2.95 \$1.30
1891-3, claret set 1-50c	2.40 1.10
1894, set 1-50c	1.99 .85
1895, set 1-50c	1.99 .85
1911, parcel post	.75

NEWSPAPER STAMPS.	
1865, 5c blue border	\$15.00 \$5.00
5c blue	3.00 1.40
10c green	5.00 2.00
25c red	5.00 2.00
1875, card proofs 1c-60	5.00
1895, no wmk., 1-10c unused o.g.	1.80
25, 50c used	5.00 2.00
\$5.00 unused	12.00 5.00
\$10.00 used	12.50 4.50
\$20.00 used	15.00 6.00
\$100.00 used	10.00 4.00
Set 1c-\$100.00 wmk.	2.50
Post Obitum seal	3.00 1.00
Nine others	1.75 .55
Type set imperf. No. 753	2.50 1.25

TELEGRAPH STAMPS.	
Am. Rapid, complete, 16 var.	\$1.98 \$.85
B. & O. complete, 17 var.	2.65 1.15
Atlantic 1889, 1, 5, 10, 25	4.75 1.75
Mutual Union, red, blue	4.00 1.00
Pacific Postal, 40c green	4.00 2.00
50c blue	4.00 2.00
Pacific Mutual, 1, 1, 5, 10, 25	.90 .40
Comm'l Union, 3 var. complete	1.00 .40
Postal Tel. 1885, 10, 15, 25, 50	.75 .25
1892-99, 12 var.	4.20 1.30
Western Union, 1871, 1877, '79, '80, '81, '82, or 1883, any year at "half cat."	1.30
1884-99 complete	1.30

IMPERFORATE REVENUES.	
1c Express	\$.40
1c Playing Cards	15.00 5.00
1c Telegraph	7.50 3.15
2c Bk. C., Cert., Exp. blue	.20
2c Playing Cards, blue	3.00
3c Telegraph	2.00 .90
10c Bill of Lading	.75 .45
10c Certificate	6.00 2.00
10c Inland Exchange	5.00 2.00
20c Ind. & Foreign Ex.	1.25 .50
25c five var.	2.85 1.10
30c both var.	2.10 1.00
50c Conveyance	1.50 .75
50c Lease or Mortgage	1.25 .50
50c Life Ins. or P. of W.	2.50 1.00
50c Passage Ticket	5.00 2.00
\$1.00 Lease	1.25 .50
\$1.00 Mortgage	1.50 .75
\$1.00 Pass. Ticket	8.00 2.50
\$2.00 Conveyance	2.50 1.00
\$2.00 Mortgage	2.50 1.00
\$2.00 P. of Will	50.00 15.00
\$3.00 Cht. Pty. or Manft.	.60
\$3.50 Ind. Ex.	50.00 15.00
\$5.00 Mft. or Mtg.	3.50 1.70
\$5.00 P. of Will	12.50 5.50
\$10.00 Cht. Pty.	9.00 3.00
\$10.00 Conveyance	5.00 1.65
\$10.00 Mortgage	7.00 2.85
\$10.00 P. of Will	25.00 6.15
\$15.00 Mortgage	25.00 7.00
\$20.00 P. of W., close	50.00 11.00
\$25.00 Mortgage	25.00 9.50
\$50.00 U. S. I. R., close	7.50 1.60
\$200.00 very close	35.00 7.00

PERF. REVENUES.	
1c Playing Cards	\$3.00 \$1.10
3c or 4c Playing Cards (fair)	.20
6c Prop'r rep'd but respectable	10.00
25c 8 var. comp.	1.41 .60
\$1.00 Mortgage	3.00 1.00
\$1.00 Passage Tkt.	6.00 3.00
\$5.00 all five var.	4.80 1.60
\$10.00 all four var.	4.85 1.60
\$15.00 extra perfs.	6.00 2.00
\$20.00 P. of Will	35.00 13.70
\$25.00 Mortgage	4.00 1.80
\$50.00 U. S. I. R.	4.00 1.70
\$200.00 U. S. I. R.	15.00 8.00

SECOND ISSUE.	
6c blue and black	\$2.00 \$1.00
13.30 blue and black	5.00 2.25
16.60 blue and black	14.00 6.50
19.90 blue and black	3.00 1.35
\$3.50 blue and black	5.00 2.20
\$10.00 blue and black	3.00 1.35
\$20.00 blue and black extra perfs.	5.00
\$25.00 blue and black	20.00 10.00
\$50.00 blue and black	12.00 5.00
50c inverted centre	17.50 6.00

THIRD ISSUE.	
\$10.00 green and black	\$3.00 \$1.30
\$20.00 orange and black	15.00 5.00
2c inverted medallion	3.00 1.75
PROPRIETARY.	
1871, 1-10c grn. paper	\$7.60 \$2.50
50c green paper	25.00 10.00
1878, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6c	2.43 1.00
10c blue	10.00 3.00
1878, 2c rouletted	5.00 1.60
3c rouletted mint	3.00 1.60
4c rouletted	4.00 1.50
5c rouletted	50.00 9.00
6c rouletted	6.00 2.00

1898-99.	
\$5.00 on News, surcharge up, used	\$2.00
Surcharge down, mint gem	5.00
\$30.00 red cut	6.00 2.00
\$100.00 "cut"	5.00 1.85
\$500.00 "cut"	40.00 18.00
\$1000.00 "cut"	25.00 10.00
\$50.00 grey and black	20.00 10.00

CANADA.	
All unused, full o. g., fine; generally "mint, superb."	
1868, 15c lilac, No. 27	\$.50
1869-1872, 1c yellow, No. 32	.07
2c green, No. 33	.15
3c dull red, No. 34	.25

1882-1890, 1c black, No. 40*	.04
3c vermilion, No. 42*	.10
5c gray, No. 43	.20
6c red-brown, No. 44*	.40
10c brown-red, No. 45	1.00
1892-1893, 20c vermilion, No. 46	.30
50c blue, No. 47	.60
8c violet-black, No. 49a	1.00
1897, 1c black, No. 50	.20
1c yellow, No. 51*	.04
2c green, No. 52*	.06
3c bright rose, No. 53*	.06
5c blue, No. 54	.12
6c brown, No. 55	.60
8c dark violet, No. 56*	.25
10c brown-violet, No. 57	.30
Maple Leaf, 1, 2, 3, 5c*	.20
1 to 10c, Nos. 66-73 complete	.75
1898, Numeral, 1, 2c complete	.05
5c, No. 78*	.06
6c, No. 79*	.25
Sc, No. 80*	.16
Set 1 to 10c, Nos. 74-81 complete	.65
2c Map, No. 82 or 83*, each	.04
1899, 2 on 3c, No. 84 or 85*, each	.04
1901, 20c olive, No. 87	.50
1903, 7c yellow, No. 88*	.13
* means that blocks or pairs may be had at same rate.	

NEWFOUNDLAND.	
All "mint, perfection." Pairs or blocks at same rate.	
1857, 3d green, No. 3	\$1.00
8d scarlet, No. 8	5.00
1863, 4d lake, No. 18	.40
5d red-brown, No. 19	1.10
6d lake, No. 20	.25
6d lake, No. 21	1.40
8d lake, No. 22	2.00
18h lake, No. 23	1.25

BREMEN.	
1855, 3gr blue, No. 1	10.00 3.60
1856-61, 5gr green, No. 4a*	5.00 1.50
1861-63, 2gr yellow, No. 5*	15.00 6.50
3gr rose, No. 6	7.50 3.75
10gr black, No. 7	17.50 7.70
3gr blue, No. 9	15.00 5.00
1866, 3gr blue, No. 10*	5.00 2.50
2gr yellow, No. 11*	5.00 2.50
5gr rose, No. 12*	6.00 3.00
7gr yellow, No. 13	4.00 2.00
5gr green, No. 15	6.00 3.00

FOREIGN STAMPS.	
Argentina 1864-7, 15c, No. 13	\$5.00 \$2.00
Azores 1868-70, 5r, No. 7*	1.50 .75
1868, 10r, No. 8*	3.00 1.10
1871-2, *80r, No. 27	3.00 1.20
Barbados 1871-3, 3c claret	4.00 1.30
18h black, No. 28	3.00 1.35
1875-8, *4d, No. 50	.60 .30
1875-8, 4d, No. 53	1.25 .50
Bremen 1861, 2gr, No. 5 used	30.00 8.15
1861, 5gr, No. 6 used	5.00 2.10
Bermuda 1873, 3d, No. 5, used	2.50 1.00
Brazil 1850, 300r, No. 27, used	2.50 1.00
1850, 600r, No. 28	3.00 1.00
1878-9, 260r, No. 74	1.25 .50
1878-9, 300r, No. 75	.10 .05
Br. Columbia 1861, 24d, No. 2	5.00 2.00
1865, 10c blue, wee defect	1.00

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.	
We have the following Cat. Numbers. Get check for "half-cat." gets the stamp.	
First BUSY.	
Nos. *4, *5, *6, *7, *8, *9, *12, *13, *14, *15, *16, *17, *18, *19, *20, *21, *22, *23, *24, *25, *26, *27, *28, *34, *35, *36, *37, *38, *39, *42, *43, *47, *48, *49, *50, *51, *52, *54, *55, *56, *57, *58, *59, *60, *61, *62, *63, *64, *65, *66, *67, *68, *69, *70, *71, *72, *73, *74, *75, *76, *77, *78, *79, *80, *81, *82, *83, *84, *85, *86, *87, *88, *89, *90, *91, *92, *93a, *96a, 102.	

Canada 1851-2, 6d used	\$11.00 \$4.65
7d green used	20.00 6.85
Ceylon 1857, 1d, No. 3, used	2.00 .75
2d, No. 4, used	2.00 .75
18h, No. 11, used	7.50 2.50
1861, 1d, No. 25	3.00 1.10
2d, No. 18, used	7.50 3.20
5d, No. 20, used	3.00 1.10
10d, No. 37, used	3.00 1.10
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EDITOR'S NOTE.

A regrettable error occurred in connection with the first instalment of our serial story on U. S. Revenues. The book referred to by Mr. West, the "History of United States Revenue Stamps", is not owned by the stamp firm there mentioned, but by Messrs. Hiram E. Deats and Alexander Holland, who purchased the right, title and interest from the Boston Philatelic Society. The book was compiled by the two philatelists mentioned, in conjunction with Geo. L. Toppan, recently deceased. Our attention has been called to the error made and we hasten to make the necessary correction. At the same time we wish to thank both Messrs. Deats and Holland for their gracious permission to make such extracts from the book as may be necessary in the article now underway. We add that the book is still in print and may be obtained from the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., the New England Stamp Co., H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J., and Alexander Holland, Newton Center, Mass., at \$3.00.

CHAPTER II—Paper.

The paper used by Butler & Carpenter and by Joseph R. Carpenter after John M. Butler's death in October, 1868, was manufactured to their order and varied but slightly in quality until 1869, the only exception noted being the greenish paper upon which the 2c U. S. I. R. and 2c Bank Check orange are occasionally found. These are believed to have been experimental and issued by accident in 1866. The regular paper is close textured grayish or yellowish white wove, thin, and rather hard and brittle, without watermark. Sometimes it has the appearance of laid paper with the lines either horizontal, vertical or diagonal, and this effect is more common on the very thin paper of the early printings. The laid appearance is particularly noticeable when the stamps are wet. The reasonable theory has been accepted by some students that this effect is caused by the stamps having been affixed to documents which were of true laid paper, age and a certain amount of pressure acting to transfer the laid effect from the documents to the stamps, but stamps showing the laid characteristics very plainly have been removed from a document printed on perfectly smooth wove paper and the "transfer" theory can hardly be the true explanation. Perhaps the effect is caused by worn press blankets as in the postage stamps of 1903, although if this were the case, we would expect it to be less common among the early printings than the later ones.

The thicker and very thick papers, and the paper with minute and widely scattered silk fibres which is called silk paper when reference is made to the documentary and general proprietary stamps of the first issue and is known as experimental silk paper when referring to the private die proprietary stamps, were all used between September, 1869, and September, 1871. The government wished to supply its own paper and evidently expected to have a supply of watermarked paper ready for use by September 1, 1869. Mr. Carpenter had stopped ordering paper and when his old supply gave out none had been received from the government and he was obliged to go into the market and buy what he could get. During the next two years he obtained paper from several manufacturers including the Hudson Paper Co., who furnished some, if not all, of the silk paper and he seems to have had a great deal of trouble in obtaining satisfactory quality. Thin old paper was in use as late as April, 1871, and to some extent during 1870 for the Akron, Hunt, F. E. Clark, Buck, Bent & Lea, Burhans and New York, (1c blue), match stamps which were first issued between January 1870 and April 1871 are all known on this paper.

The very thick paper is almost like cardboard and most of the stamps found on it are so rare that it could not have been used to any great extent. The writer does not recall any of the private proprietary stamps having been found on it. The silk or experimental silk paper is rather soft and of medium thickness.

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CHAPTER XXII—(Continued).

Nearly fifteen months elapsed before any other King Edward stamps were issued when, on September 27th, 1904, the 20c denomination made its appearance. This is of similar design to the others, was printed from the usual sized plate of 100, and bore imprint and plate number in the top margin as before. Only one plate has been recorded and as the use of this denomination did not average over 400,000 a year, it is quite probable that only this one plate was made. This value was issued in the olive-green shade adopted for its predecessor.

More than four years elapsed before the next and last value of the King Edward series appeared. This was the 50c denomination, which was placed on sale on November 19th, 1908, after the supply of the old blue stamps first issued in 1893 was finally used up. In design, sheet arrangement, etc., it conforms with the others of the series. One plate—numbered 1—was used.

The 2c value of this series is known entirely imperforate and the history of the variety, which is now quite common, is of considerable interest. The imperforate stamps were first mentioned in the WEEKLY for October 10th, 1908, in the following editorial:—

We are enabled to report the existence of the two-cent Canada, current issue, imperforate, a reader having shown us a sheet of one hundred of these varieties bearing the plate number 18. This is a discovery of momentous interest which must attract much attention not alone from specialists but from collectors, as we may say for the sake of distinction, as well. The fact that the pane bears so early a plate number removes it from any inclusion in the theory that the Canadian authorities propose to issue stamps in imperforate sheets in the manner that has been employed by the United States. Without doubt, the sheet under notice was regularly prepared for issue in the accepted way, and it is the belief from information at hand that a sheet of four hundred of the stamps was printed and reached the public.

This announcement excited much interest among collectors of Canadian stamps and enquiry regarding the seeming irregularity was made of the postal authorities at Ottawa. The Post Office Department were convinced that no irregularity could have occurred, but finally made an enquiry, and were, of course, compelled to believe the evidence of the existence of imperforate specimens. In the issue of the WEEKLY for February 20th, 1909, a more complete story of the find is related, viz.:—

The sheet as found was not of 400 stamps, but of over 200 stamps, as the right-hand half of the sheet on which our report was based and which was not before us when we wrote, contained a pane of 100 stamps, plate number 14 and an irregularly torn part of plate number 13, showing about fifteen whole stamps and parts of others. Assuming that the lower pane in the left half was torn approxi-

mately in the manner of the right lower pane, or plate number 13, the find consisted originally of 230 stamps, more or less. This reckoning agrees, we believe, with the recollection of the person who rescued the imperforates from oblivion, in a philatelic sense. The plate numbers on the sheet that gave authority for the chronicling of the stamps by the WEEKLY are 13 and 14, and not 18, as first printed.

A. N. Lemieux of Chicago is the man who found the stamps. While in Ottawa five years ago or so (this was later corrected to June, 1906), when he was in business in that city, he saw the stamps just within the iron fence that has been described as surrounding the establishment of the bank note company that prints the Canadian stamps. The day was a rainy one and the sheet had evidently been blown out of the window. Mr. Lemieux apparently attached no value to the sheet of over 200 stamps, which was in a wet, crumpled condition, and without gum. Mr. Lemieux was under the impression, no doubt, that gum had been on the sheet but had been washed off by the rain.

Mr. Severn ultimately acquired what was left of this imperforate sheet, and later submitted the stamps to the officials at Ottawa, who pronounced them but "printer's waste". Mr. Severn, in addition to the history of these imperforates, says:—

They seemingly had been trampled upon and subjected to the usage that would be given such castoff material. Further, it was said that they had been blown or thrown out of a window, no doubt. It was suggested that the stamps be returned to Ottawa and that there were moral grounds for such a course on the part of the holders. The description of "printer's waste" seems to be correct and the inference is that the stamps never had been gummed. They belong to that class of curiosities that appeal strongly to the specialist, but which the ordinary collector regards as something apart from his collecting policy.

The stamps did not go back to Ottawa, and the postal authorities there annoyed, doubtless righteously, that such things should escape from their well regulated printing establishment went to considerable trouble to make the imperforates of small monetary value. The following paragraph, written by a correspondent of the WEEKLY, was the first inkling collectors had that the department had thought any more of the matter:—

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the other denominations if available. A reply came to-day informing me that only the 2-cent would be available, and then not for some time, as the department intends to make a separate printing of these stamps, to supply whatever demand may occur. It was stipulated that applications for these imperforate stamps should be made to the Postmaster at Ottawa. When the sheets of these stamps came into collectors' hands it was found they had been printed from plates 13 and 14—the same as those from which the originally chronicled "errors" were printed. It is obvious that the Department issued these stamps simply to "get back" at the holder of the sheet so unfortunately blown or thrown out of the printing-office window in 1906. That they were not intended for use in mailing machines seems amply proved from the fact that none of the 2c stamps of the present issue have been issued in imperforate sheets.

No 1/2c value was issued in the King Edward design although the Queen's head stamp of that denomination continued in use until 1909. This value was primarily intended for use in prepaying the postage on transient newspapers, but for many years the number sold to the public was out of all proportion to those which could have been required for its legitimate use. There is no doubt that large quantities were purchased by stamp dealers for wholesaling to packet

makers and dealers in the cheap approval sheet business and, undoubtedly, stamp collectors in Canada usually preferred to use four 1/2c stamps on their letters rather than an ordinary 2c one. This excessive demand for the 1/2c resulted in the Post Office Department issuing the following circular to Postmasters in 1902:—

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Known—In the catalogue there is no three cent documentary of the revenue issue just retired, on postage paper; and as a consequence its existence may have been questioned. We reported the discovery of the variety in the WEEKLY some months ago but now a reader claims for reasons that he says that he is bound to respect, the three cent, documentary, postage paper, is not known. We can affirm that the stamp in question has been in the hands of several collectors for a year or more. It is perhaps true that the number of these stamps that is available may be tolled off on the fingers and toes but for all that, a single specimen will suffice to prove the case for the stamps. We may add that all the copies that enter into our survey are used. It is only fair to say that we can understand how one who has been on the lookout for the stamp from the first and who had unused stocks of this as well as all the other stamps to examine could find his quest without result. From all indications, the stamp is a prime rarity but it is safe to say that it will not sell on the market for a high price as its point of difference is not noticeable enough to make it a popular variety. The five cent proprietary on postage paper which was reported some time ago has been found in several different places but the three cent documentary apparently have come only from one office.

Nebraska—We did not have the privilege of attending the second annual convention of the Nebraska State Philatelic Society at Omaha, on October 5th, 1916, a circumstance that we regretted, as last year we had an enjoyable time at the first convention. The state society in question is alive and we are glad to hear that Mr. Ora E. Stark, Omaha, has been elected president. Mr. Stark may be relied upon to increase the activities of the society. Further officers were chosen: Chas. J. Geyer, vice-president, Hastings; E. C. Larsohn, secretary and treasurer, Stromsburg; Reuben W. Ahlmann, sales manager, Fremont; C. B. Palmer, Jr., exchange manager, Bradshaw; Frank S. Parmelee, R. C. Hoyt, A. L. Jacobs, directors, all of Omaha.

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Postmarked—One of the cleverest philatelic ideas that ever has been evolved is that which originated, we assume, in the mind of Percy McGraw Mann of Philadelphia, stamp expert, whose *Philadelphia Stamp News* is well remembered. As a return card on the upper left hand corner of his envelope are the full size postmarks of Percy (Miss.)—McGraw (New York)—Mann (Pa.). Under this postmark rebus is the usual printing to be found on the envelope. Percy is in five different states, Illinois, Iowa, Mississippi, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania. McGraw is found only in New York while Mann is in Missouri and New Mexico. The Mann, Pa., postmark is dated in 1905 when there was a post office of that name in Pennsylvania. The *Outlook* is utilizing the postmark idea in awarding a postmark book as a premium for subscriptions. The pages of the book have blank spaces, with the proper wording underneath, for the reception of the postmarks which by their arrangement tell, in a way, a story of travel or, indirectly, of incident. For instance, the Massachusetts trip is interesting, with a start from the capital, with pilgrimages to historic Concord and Lexington, old Salem, New Bedford, the port of whalers, Worcester, once in the National Base Ball League, etc. We think that there is an element of instructive interest in this postmark pursuit.

Havoc—Before we dismiss the subject of postmarks we must relay a moving tale that reached our ears some time ago. For many a day, a city collector had nursed expectations of a find of early U. S. stamps at the more or less ancestral home back in the country. Finally, he found the time to visit the home of his childhood that was now occupied by an assorted lot of relatives. Avidly our hero tracked the old correspondence to its lair, in old bureaus and secretaries in the attic and pounced upon it triumphantly. He examined it with the thrill of anticipation that we know but several times in a life-time. The stamps were there or they were represented on the envelopes in small portions. We need not dwell upon the scene of rapine. Little Blubella or cute Ignomar had carefully cut out all the different post-

marks even when they fell on the stamps themselves. There were fewer duplicates of postmarks than of stamps and the work of mutilation had proceeded ruthlessly. Still, the havoc was not quite complete as some of the postmarks were clear of the stamps. It was ironical, however, that the best stamps were the ones that were slashed.

Early—Only in a relative sense is the precanceled stamp described by our correspondent an early variety as there are a good many examples of precancellation on the one cent, design of 1870. Mr. Albert L. Fox writes to tell of a variety that we may not have spoken of heretofore: "The stamp is the one cent, 1887, on cover and is canceled by three horizontal bars of black ink running completely across the stamp. Each bar is 3 mm. wide and is separated from its fellow by a space of a quarter-inch. The cover bears the receiving stamp of Jan. 5, 1889, with the advertisement of James Vicks, Seedsman, Rochester, N. Y." It is not easy to place a valuation on a stamp of the kind as opinions vary when any variety out of the standard is under consideration.

More—Opportunity of our remarks on the use of many stamps on a single envelope, a reader tells us that a recent change in the postal rate of Guatemala to this country will have a tendency to overload with stamps, more than before, covers from that country. The rate heretofore was fifty centavos for each fifteen grams or half-ounce, approximately; it is now one hundred centavos. The last mail from Guatemala brings a new surcharge in black in two lines: "Veinticinco—Centavos," on the bi-colored two centavos, 1902 issue.

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THE STAMP DEALER AND HIS STOCK.

By BILL BLOSS.

CHAPTER X.—Using the Premium to Attract Trade.

Since it is necessary to appeal to the customer in order to sell to him, the dealer who uses the most attractive line of appeal will get the business. Human nature the world over, from the beginning of time, is attracted by "something for nothing" or presents. In the early days, if a traveler wished to secure safety and the favor of a monarch through whose territory he was passing, he sent him gifts. Today the merchant desires the favor of the customer, so he sends him gifts. It is his way of saying, "I appreciate your business. You make me successful. Therefore to show you that I appreciate your favor, I give you this little gift." Go into the corner grocery. The grocer offers you two lines of starch. With one you get a souvenir spoon, and the other offers you nothing. Which will you buy? Really, now, don't you prefer to walk a half block farther and buy your cigars (or candy, if you don't smoke) from a dealer who offers you a coupon? The cigars are the same in both stores. Are you any different from your customer?

I Have Been Asked by Dealers

why the premium is a success. It costs money to give premiums away. No apparent results are seen for the money invested. However, it is a well-proven fact that business increases when premiums are added, so the results are there. Like much advertising, premiums must be charged to indirect results. The American Tobacco Company, Proctor and Gamble, United Cigar Stores Company, and a host of other concerns guided by bigger financiers than the largest stamp company can boast of, have worked out the problem, and they find that it pays. If you were buying from approvals, wouldn't you buy from the man who offered you the same stamps at the same price as the other man, and threw in another set of stamps? You will say that the cost of the premium must come out of your profit. It does. The sales it brings enables you to sell so many more stamps that the price of the premium can be well afforded.

Now, Mr. Man who says that "I spend enough money on advertising. I can't afford a premium." What kind of advertising are you spending it on? Why not spend some of it on the premium for advertising? Pretty soon you will find yourself able to spend more money on space advertising to advertise the premium. Of course, in order to

Work a Successful Premium System, it is necessary to make all advertising cooperate with it. If possible, it should be well advertised by space advertising in the leading channels. Make it known that you give premiums with your goods.

In giving premiums, the different concerns have found it advisable not to give a premium in the line they are selling. However, the stamp dealer has a narrower field to choose from. He might give hinges, or small stock books, or catalogues, or tongs, or accessories away in place of stamps. Stamps themselves make excellent premiums, but care should be used to see that they do not conflict with stamps offered. That is, don't give a man what you are apt to sell him. Set aside a certain line for premiums, and confine yourself to that line. Don't take them from your general stock.

A Feature Generally Overlooked

by the stamp houses is one of continuous giving of premiums. Out of a hun-

dred dealers who will pay the customer to try their first lot, not two will pay him to continue his business with them. Result: He moves around from house to house until he benefits no dealer. Consider that the first lot must bear the expense of indexing, investigating, opening account, beside usual expenses. The profit lies in continued sales. Why not pay him to continue his purchases? Let this be an example of the possibility of giving premiums:

A sends out a sheet selling at 25c, with premium, as follows:

Selling price of sheet	.250
Cost of sheet	.076
Cost of premium	.020
Cost of postage, etc.	.030
	.126

Profit

.124

The profit of 12.4c is certainly large enough to reimburse any dealer for his labor, investment, advertising, losses, and running expense. Allowing 20% net for these latter items (which is more than enough) the dealer can take out 20% for profit, and still have 2.4c left. Why not use this for a reward to the customer for his courtesy in spending his money with you? With that amount, you could offer him a stamp listing 15c. Certainly, after receiving such a present, he would feel kindly disposed to you, and would not only give you his business, but would pass the word around among his friends. Wouldn't this pay you? However, the above amount is more than necessary. The writer considers a premium listing 20% of the net amount sufficient to give for remittances. In his past experience, he has found this system a good business getter and keeper (the more important of the two).

In Giving a Premium,

give something worth while. Don't be stingy. Get a really good stamp or set, different from the other fellow's premium, and something that you would be attracted by yourself. Don't economize by giving away the contents of your damaged box. Give them something that will be appreciated, or else don't give anything. Bear in mind that the better the premium, the better the results.

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Countless Ways of Giving Premiums,

numberless premiums to give, and myriads of questions to be asked on the subject. Since this space is limited, let me ask you fellows who decide to make use of this article to study the other fellows' ways of doing it (not only the stamp dealers, but any premium house) then devise your own schemes and ask me the essential questions on the subject. I am always glad to hear from everybody and I spend at least twenty-two hours a day answering your

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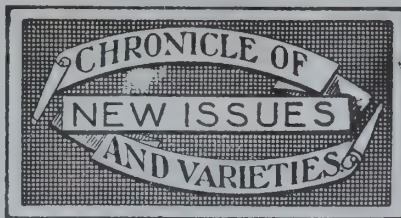
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UNITED STATES.—J. M. Bartels submits specimens of the 1c and 2c stamps current on unwatermarked paper, and reports that the 5c value is also out on the same paper.

William J. Prinzing has shown us a pair of the 2c, 1908-09 design perforated 12 vertically through the middle of each stamp.

Mr. Prinzing also submits a specimen of the current 10c Special Delivery stamp, with about a quarter of the top line of the tablet containing the words, "United States of America" missing at the right. The stamp also has the broken circle around the right hand "10" in the lower corner. Mr. Prinzing also shows us the same stamp, with broken circle, but with the top line of tablet intact.

Mr. Prinzing also submits an interesting lot of colored cancellations from all over the country showing that the Post Office Department's regulation regarding the use of nothing but black ink is allowed to fall into "innocuous desuetude" in many offices. In the lot are carmine, greenish black, rose, maroon, red and purple.

Mr. Prinzing has also shown us a 41c paid permit, and a double provisional permit, 9c on 4c on 5c, both from New Haven, Conn.

Jac. Meyer submits for our inspection a curious cover which may have been noted in past years. It was mailed with a 2c orange revenue stamp as payment for postage, but was held up by the New Orleans post office and marked "Illegal Stamp." In the upper left-hand corner, however, is a printed label signed "Thoughtful" giving a New Orleans P. O. box for an address. The party sends this message to the one addressed:—

"This letter was dropped in the office without a stamp and consequently would have been forwarded to the Dead Letter Office, did I not realize the sometimes great importance of a letter reaching its address, and pay the necessary postage. For this favor you will please return what may seem to you an equivalent for its value and importance, to be used in like good work." Affixed to the label and envelope is a 2c, 1869.

CANADA.—Charles E. Fisher has submitted specimens of the new "1Tc" brown stamps of Canada. They came from Toronto and Winnipeg showing that their use is becoming quite general, even under the restriction prescribed in the official circular recently submitted by J. D. Cox.

CHILE.—Braulio Bittencourt has submitted specimens of three new stamps, placed on sale in Santiago during the last week in August. Sr. Bittencourt says that the stamps are lithographed, but there is evidently some mistake about this, as one is plainly engraved, the 5c value. This is a reproduction of the 5c of 1911, with the portrait of Admiral Cochrane instead of Admiral O'Higgins. The new 20c is a rougher imitation of the 20c of 1911, but the new 4c is in the type of the 2c of 1912-13. Both have all the appearance of being typographed, though our correspondent says they are lithographed.

Adhesives.

4c pale brown.
5c blue.
20c orange red and black.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—J. M. Bartels has shown us the 50 bit postage due stamp, with a new perforation, 14x14½ instead of 13.

MOZAMBIQUE.—Hubert Lyman Clark has shown us a cover from the East Coast of Africa with a war stamp affixed, which we have neither seen, nor has any mention of it come to our notice. The cover was mailed from the United States Consulate at Lourenzo Marquez, Aug. 17, 1916, and was franked with Scott's No. 83 of that Colony, 50r brown, overprinted "Republica" in carmine. In addition the cover bore a war tax stamp of large size, 37½x25 mm. reading "Taxe de Guerra" at the bottom, and "Republica Portuguesa" at the top. An oval shield, supported by allegorical female figures, is placed in the centre of the stamp, with "Correio—Mocambique" and the value "1c". The tablet bearing the words "Republica Portuguesa" is supported at the sides by pillars terminating in the shields of the Colony and the mother country. Other symbolical figures appear, giving the stamp quite an elaborate character. It is printed on white paper and rouletted. Mr. Clark calls attention to the singular fact that a Mozambique stamp appears on a Lourenzo Marquez letter, as the Colonies are a thousand miles apart.

War Tax Stamp.

1c gray green.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from L. J. Ragatz, I. B. Robinson (2), Hollis Thacher (4), Kent B. Stiles, M. Casper.

—Our attention is called by Harry E. Huber to the fact that a postcard was issued for the Canal Zone in 1913 that was not included in our special article on Canal Zone Stamps. We are greatly obliged to Mr. Huber for the information.

—"Difficulty is being experienced in Australia in obtaining sufficient supplies of watermarked postage stamp paper. The postal authorities are to be empowered to tax posted articles on which more stamps than are necessary are placed."—W. H. ROBINSON, Brisbane.

—P. M. Dennis of the Stamford Stamp Co., Ontario, enlisted, last spring, in the 98th Bat. and is now somewhere in England. His family desires this information conveyed to our readers.

—We have received from the secretary of the Western Philatelic Association a review copy of the constitution and by-laws of the organization. The text is accompanied by a roll of the membership, there being at the present time forty-four members in good standing.

—Bright & Son of London, England, is interested in Otto Schmidt, who claims to be a member of the St. Clair Collectors Club, Phila., Pa., and gives his residence at 3417 Ormes St., Philadelphia.

—The philatelic societies of greater New York and vicinity will hold a dinner at the Hotel Endicott, Saturday, Nov. 18. A committee of arrangements with John W. Scott, chairman, and Edw. Weiss, secretary, has been organized, and efforts are being put forth to make the occasion a great event in the history of stamp collecting in New York. The price of tickets has been placed at \$1.25 and an earnest invitation is extended to all stamp collectors to attend and bring their wives or lady friends. Application may be made to the secretary at 77 W. 85 St., N. Y. City.

—"In regard to large numbers of stamps used on the one cover, I remember seeing displayed in the window of what was then the Philadelphia Branch of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., a used block of 50—(½ sheet) of the 50 cent orange 1902 issue. If I remember correctly it was cancelled with the red circular registration postmark. It was not on the cover as I remember it."—BENJ. CADBURY.

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BOOK "How to Deal in Stamps" 28 pages.
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BR. COLONIALS only, 65 all different.
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*COSTA RICA 1889, 1c to 1p28
DENMARK-NORWAY, packet 50 all diff.
DOMIN. REPUB. 1906, 1 on 4, 1 on 10, 2 on 5c Catalog .68
"WORLD'S DIRECTORY", of stamp dealers, papers, etc., 60 pps.
EGYPT, Pictorial 1, 2, 3, 4m, on orig. cover.
"EGYPT", book by R. E. R. Dalwick.
"GAMBIA", book by R. E. R. Dalwick.
"GUENADA", by Senf.
"HAWAII", book by Luff-Howes-Richards.
*HAYTI, 1898 Unpaid, 2, 5, 10c Catalog .22
1896, 1, 3, 5, 7, 20c palms30
*HONDURAS 1891, 2, 5, 10 pesos30
1890, 25c-1p, 6 var.32
Branch Office
Seymour-Wylie-Jewett Co., Beverly, Mass.

several cloth covers carrying \$12 to \$20 postage in \$5, \$2, and \$1 stamps. Without doubt this same thing has happened in many other localities away from the railroads and express offices, and there is no reason why the United States mint should not have information showing shipments of considerably greater value than those mentioned above."—W. G. SWART.

—Buddie Lewis, Springfield, Ohio, wants to thank those WEEKLY readers who have sent him stamps in response to the request in the WEEKLY some months ago. He had no fewer than two hundred and five replies, and has been kept busy all summer sorting over the lots received.

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1000 stamps, no U. S., 300-350 var., \$1.00. H. C. BRADLEY, 23 Brookview St., Boston, Mass. [tf]

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The "Hinge" is free to all auction bidders. Ask for a copy. S. L. SHOLLEY, Linden Hills, Minneapolis. [tf]

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Jhind 1914, 3p to 4a, uncat., set .16
E. MOSELEY, Bloomfield, Mo. [tf]

Phillipine Is. '06, 6c to 20c. Nos. 243 to 248, cat. .54. My price 22c. Fine approvals. Willard E. Gardiner, 9 Pemberton St., Prov., R. I. [tf]

Allow 32 letters to the line.

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A war set—a good one—not mentioned in any paper to date, is due this week from Africa. It will be offered in our Pink List at 10% over cost. Particulars of Pink List free. A. C. ROESSLER, East Orange, N. J. [tf]

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Free, a Newton Kan. 1c Small Type, to all applicants for Foreign at 50% or U. S. "Prec" at Net. Reference necessary. [48*]
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50 diff. Cuba for 25c in current U.S., 30 diff. for 10c. Johnson, Box 733, Havana, Cuba. [48]

Want Lists Wanted; send yours to us with bank references. We will do the rest. MARKS STAMP CO., Toronto, Canada. [tf]

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Packets contain all different genuine postage stamps, but the last offer contains revenues. J. Trauner, 1134 Farm Rd., Secaucus, N.J. [tf]

Canada Coils and War Tax. A check and net price list free. Hobby Club, Winnipeg, Can. [47*]

Wanted for spot cash, U. S. post stamps singly or lots. Kindly submit offers. Theo. Abrams, Dpt. 50, 701 Hatch Av., Woodhaven, N. Y. [48]

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OUR BOOK REVIEW.

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1908-09, No. 334, Fine, .20
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Scott's Cloth bound Catalog for 1917 will be ready for delivery October 20. One year's subscription to Roessler's "Stamp News" free with each order. The price of the book this year, carriage paid in advance, is \$1.40. A. C. ROESSLER, East Orange, N. J. *

1000 American peelable Hinges and Cuba Nos. 97, 253-54, Italy No. 70, Austral. Com. No. 20, postpaid 12c. W. E. Egbert, Chester, Pa. [11*]

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New Brunswick No. 6, mint, catalog .50, .15
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Hayti 1906, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 10c, set, .14
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G. P. de M., 10 on 1 and 20 on 5, net, .08
REUM, 1291 Stanton, San Francisco. [tf]

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Advertising Chat

Our issue of last week speaks for itself.

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W. F. Ferguson, 280 Fourth Ave., N. Y. City, who has been "in the service", resumes advertising in the WEEKLY and takes a block of fifty lines of adlet space. Mr. Ferguson is a member of the leading stamp societies and used our paper frequently last season.

An English advertiser, J. E. Lea of Manchester, has sent us a series of advertisements and assures us that weekly advertisements will be furnished this season. Mr. Lea deals at wholesale as well as retail and the text of the pieces of copy already at hand indicates a wide range of stock, including a line of rarities that few dealers can surpass. We like to do business with Mr. Lea and hope our subscribers will feel the same way.

A new house organ has appeared, "The Philatelic Post," issued by the Kingsford Stamp Co., Baraboo, Wis. Send for a copy.

We now have two Gregorys, W. F. and C. J. They are both New York dealers and we can give the Gregory family a hearty recommendation. They are both well-established dealers, especially W. F., who has for years been a Nassau St. fixture.

It will be seen this week that a new force appears in the auction field, none other than Milton P. Lyons, Jr., who has been with us as a dealer for a considerable period. Mr. Lyons is not new to auction work. For a long time he was a mainstay of the old Philadelphia Stamp Co. prior to its dissolution and the formation of the two new companies. It is therefore no experiment on Mr. Lyons' part and he will continue to hold sales as opportunity presents. If you are a buyer at auction you will do well to get your name upon his list.

An old advertiser has returned in the person of Paul W. Riedell, who has purchased the Geo. A. Hanlon business and will continue the same. Mr. Riedell made many friends in his previous connection with the WEEKLY and we crave for him a goodly portion of our subscribers' patronage.

Complaint is entered against R. J. Tarry, Box 602, Knoxville, Ill. We may add that this name and address has a familiar sound to us. Interested parties may communicate with Mrs. E. W. Oughtred, 25 Lincoln Av., Montreal, Can.

Rev. L. Meister, Aberdeen, Miss., who has spent many years in the B. W. I. before the outbreak of the war, has a large stock of 20th century stamps. Mr. Meister has used the WEEKLY to a considerable extent and his offerings this week are worth investigating.

In reading over Powell's "copy" this week one cannot but "think" and "reflect." Mr. Powell is an originator constantly developing new ideas and injecting more merit into his offerings. He is doing more than his part in putting the stamp business on a high commercial basis. The "Bonanza" lot that he is offering this week has been offered in these columns for a dozen years. This not only speaks well for the lot, but also for the WEEKLY as an advertising medium. Both have seen numerous improvements during this time, and now are recognized as leaders.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

850 pages, and the edition before us is the 21st. We shall not attempt to deal with the various departments of the book but recommend to our subscribers who may be interested the purchase of the catalog. It is listed at \$1. There is a large amount of explanatory matter scattered throughout the book, clear illustrations are used and the quality of paper is excellent when one considers the dearth of paper stock even in our own country. This book may be obtained from Theodore Champion, 13 Rue Drouot, Paris, France.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Dues received from Mr. Huggins, our member in Japan \$1.05.

Change of Address after November 1st: W. C. Huggins to 620 E. 16th St. North, Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Caroline L. Gardner to 1717 Lyon St., same city. The secretary after November 1st to 609 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F. M. R.—I know of no album picturing United States stamps, owing to the law forbidding this. However, it is quite possible that certain of the European albums include these illustrations. I have seen them in many of the foreign editions, but not recently. I believe a little careful study of your catalogue and some of the hand-books on this country will enable you to place your United States stamps correctly.

I have no recollection of the King George War Tax Canadian stamps being issued in coils.

The 75c Parcel Post stamp is an odd value and comparatively little used.

Mr. C. A. Howes has written a very fine work on the stamps of Canada, which is very complete. This book is probably the best authority on Canadian stamps ever published and you will do well to acquire a copy if you intend to specialize in this country. The Canadian articles now appearing in the WEEKLY will be issued in book form very shortly.

As a great quantity of all the War Tax postage stamps of Canada were issued, I do not think they will advance a great deal in price, though the surcharged values will probably increase somewhat.

Your U. S. current set is complete to 30c and is all one series if perforated 10, otherwise it is part of two issues. Why don't you purchase a catalogue, which will give you all this information and much more. It will pay you.

C. A. L.—I cannot give you the exact number of stamps issued. Including minor varieties, I should say 75,000. Of major varieties, there are probably 35,000. Scott 1916 lists 122 postage stamps of Chile, (including three new issues recently emitted).

N. J. H.—United States stamps are used in Hawaii, hence the cancellation. These are also used in Porto Rico, Alaska, and Guam. I believe your Finland stamp bears either a cancellation or private control mark, not a government surcharge.

A. K.—Your stamp is a Swiss local stamp, issued at Geneva.

G. W. H.—Many thanks for your suggestions, though most of these topics have been thoroughly covered by me in previous issues.

A. S. P.—Your Salvador stamp bearing portrait of a man with full beard, parted, is a proof. This series is very interesting, inasmuch as it was prepared for use but was issued only with the surcharge of the Coat of Arms. This is a proof of the issue of 1895 without the surcharge.

The 1879 issue of U. S. is on soft porous paper, while the previous issues are on hard paper. This issue will be treated in detail at an early date.

Your French stamps are revenues.

D. C. B.—The 2c stamp you describe is from the new plates printed on the rotary press.

J. C. A.—Used stamps often are more popular than unused for the reason that they are usually cheaper in price. How-

ever, most unused stamps are scarcer and the element of face value combined with this fact, causes them to be higher in price. This subject is too lengthy to answer here. There are advantages both pro and con. Early issues in fine condition of all countries, United States, and British Colonies are probably the best philatelic investments. Personally, I think South and Central American issues have a future. Perforation varieties are not a good investment as they are of interest only to a specialist.

P. D.—Glad you like some of my stuff and sorry you don't like the balance. U. S. Watermarks will be taken up in accordance with the series I am preparing.

A. J. N. L.—The 1\$000 is the Brazilian form for 1,000 reis, and is not an error. Your idea of an exchange column has been tried out in the past and is unsuccessful inasmuch as it invites too many of the "crooked" brethren who prey upon collectors, and thus cast discredit on our paper.

C. W.—Mint O. G. means that the stamp has original gum and is exactly as it was when it left the "mint" or printing office. Most of your suggestions have been already covered, but the others will be used in the future. Premium will follow shortly.

B. C.—I should hesitate to send remittance to the far off British Colonies you mention owing to the risk of theft during the censoring of mail, not to mention the other war risks. The French China series is too complicated to explain in this short space, but an article on these issues will no doubt appear before long. See announcement elsewhere regarding the U. S. questions you ask.

J. P. B.—Double paper will be treated in detail in the U. S. articles to appear shortly.

L. B. S., Jr.—See answer to B. C. above. Your postmaster can advise you regarding what countries accept reply coupons for remittances. I should not attempt to import the issues you mention owing to war risk, which is especially great in the captured colonies. Liberia is generally an unsatisfactory country to import from, I have heard. Danish West Indies is reasonably safe, and a letter addressed to the postmaster at St. Thomas should bring you the desired stamps. Probably they can read English. This is not always the case in some countries, however, so care should be taken to write the letter in the language of the country in question.

The only way I know of obtaining covers addressed to yourself would be to send to the country and have the letters mailed to you.

C. F.—The WEEKLY is not in position at present to start such a club as you mention. In importing stamps from foreign countries, remittance should be made by postal money order payable to the postmaster at the town your letter is sent to. Some postmasters will accept U. S. currency which can be readily exchanged, but unless you are sure this arrangement is satisfactory, I should not undertake it. See answers to above correspondents.

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A. J. M.—Your Hong Kong stamp may be caused by print variations, resulting in slightly different shades. This is a trick frequently used by engravers in color printing.

C. W. P.—Your 1/2d Great Britain stamp in blue is the 1/2d green with color changed by artificial means. Sea water, among other elements, will cause this change. Soak a copy of the 1/2d green stamp in a salt solution and note the result. (It will not be quite as great, however, as your specimen, as this is probably caused by some other salt than sodium chloride or table salt).

Several kinds of advertisements are found on the backs of many of the stamps of New Zealand 1873-95 type issues.

NOTE.—Owing to a special series of articles which will appear on this page in the near future, I shall be unable to attend to further inquiries, either private or through these columns, until further notice. Full information regarding this series will appear at an early date.

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GREETINGS TO ALL OUR READERS.

By C. A. HOWES, F. R. P. S., Pres. American Philatelic Society.

I have been asked for a message to open the season of 1916-7, so to speak, and I am sure there is no better way of attaining that end than thru the columns of MEKEEL'S. For nearly twenty-six years, week in and week out, this paper has brought its philatelic cheer and stampic lore to the collectors of this continent, not to mention many beyond the seas; and the very fact that it is now heralding another "season" with unabated ardor, with undiminished optimism and with increased subscription list and advertising support is perhaps the best indication of the permanence and progress of our pursuit.

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C. A. HOWES, Pres. A. P. S.

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CHINA AND ITS STAMPS.

By C. A. HOWES, F. R. P. S., President American Philatelic Society.

CHAPTER VIII.—The Provisionals of 1896-7. (Continued.)

On February 13, 1897, according to Mr. Mencarini, further surcharges appeared on the revenue stamp. These were 1 cent, 2 cents and 4 cents values. Both the 1 and 2 cent stamps have the same "heading" as the 1 dollar, though in slightly larger characters, while the 4 cent stamp has identically the same "heading". The 1 cent stamp has the value reading from right to left—*Tang I Fên* or "worth one cent", the character for "one" being in much larger type. There are two minor varieties of this character, one having among other differences a wider "oblong box" above the two strokes at the bottom of the character. Some of the periods after "cent" are very faint and a variety is reported with it lacking entirely.



政郵清大

分壹當

one cent

The 2 cent stamp has the "heading" of the 1 cent stamp (*Ta Ch'ing Yu Ch'eng*) and in addition the six characters of the regular provisional 2-cent on 2 candarins, though the value in English is in one line. There are several minor varieties in this surcharge: it comes inverted, with an inverted "s", with a broken "n", with a comma in place of the period, without the period, and with inverted "s" and no period.

政郵清大

肆洋暫

分銀作

2 cents.

政郵清大

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分銀作

4 cents.

The 4 cent stamp has identically the same surcharge as that applied previously to the 4 candarin stamp, with the addition of the "heading" in four smaller sized characters that is found on the 1 dollar stamp. It is a very rare stamp, however, and it is stated that but two sheets were printed—200 stamps in all. From this, and the fact that the same stamp issued later in quantity was in an altered type, it may be surmised that the "small numeral" 4 cent stamp on the 3 cent revenue was a trial setting, as was suggested in the case of the 1 dollar stamp with small Chinese value, and that copies got out by favor. Used copies do not seem to be known in this case either.

February 13, 1897.

Surcharged on "3 cents Revenue" stamp. Perf. 14 to 16.

1 cent, dark red.

Variety in Chinese character "I".

2 cents, dark red (value in one line).

Inverted surcharge.

Inverted "s".

Broken "n".

Comma for period.

Without period.

Inverted "s" without period.

In March, 1897, the regular surcharged stamps began to appear with larger Gothic numerals, evidently for greater distinctness in the value. In general this numeral is set $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm. below the Chinese characters, except when on the revenue stamp where it is set closer because of the added "postal" heading at the top. Included with these stamps are also 2 cent and 4 cent values on the 3 cent revenue stamp. The former now has the figure *above* the word "cents" like the other values, and was sent by Mr. Benjamin to the Scott Co. in April, 1897, while the latter was included with the others of the new type when first issued and was forwarded by Mr. Benjamin in March. This is noted here because the "2 over 'cents'" stamp has been listed as issued before the "value in one line" stamp.

The stocks of some of the values of the 1894 issue of the Customs stamps had run out so that new printings of them for surcharging purposes had to be made and these resulted in new shades. The 9 candarin appears in emerald green and light green and the 24 candarin in dull carmine. Old stocks of the other values were used but new printings also took place resulting in a bright yellow for the 3 candarins, dull yellow green for the 2 candarins and orange for the 12 candarins.

The reference list may be made up as follows:—

Issued March—April, 1897; surcharge with large figures $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm. below Chinese characters.

On 1894 issue, perforated $11\frac{3}{4}$.

$\frac{1}{2}$ cent on 3 candarins, yellow, orange yellow.

"cen" for "cent".

Imperforate horizontally.

1 cent on 1 candarin, vermilion.

"ce" and "nt" separated.

Without period.

2 cents on 2 candarins, yellow green.

Without period.

4 cents on 4 candarins, bright rose.

Horizontal pair, imperf. between.

5 cents on 5 candarins, orange, yellow.

8 cents on 6 candarins, brown, red brown.

10 cents on 9 candarins, light green, emerald green.

10 cents on 12 candarins, brown orange, orange.

30 cents on 24 candarins, dull carmine.

Without period.

"30" midway between "cents" and Chinese characters.

政郵清大

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分銀作

2 cents

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4 cents.

On "3 cents Revenue" stamp, perf. 14 to 16.

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4 cents, dark red.

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space of only 1½ mm.; otherwise the surcharge remains the same. The 1 and 4 candarin stamps used now appear in new shades due to reprinting—a pale brick red for the 1 candarin and pale rose for the 4 candarin. The 2 candarin also gives us a new variety—a new stone was prepared from a retouched die in which the figure "2" was somewhat enlarged and given a straight foot instead of a curved one. Both types of the 2 candarin were surcharged, however. Mr. Mencarini states that the retouched type dates from January 1, 1897 and that it is not known unsurcharged. It was not surcharged and issued, nevertheless, until the May type of surcharge was brought into use.



This last type of surcharge also occurs on the three values of the 1885 issue. The story of this set is told in the *American Journal of Philately* (X:366) as follows:—

"When the provisionals were first made, all postmasters were ordered to return to Shanghai all the unsurcharged stamps in stock, in order that they might be surcharged and returned. The returns thus received included almost 43,000 sets of the 1885 issue, and these received the small type of surcharge. But the returns from Pakhoi, which is a distant port, did not arrive at Shanghai until after the type of surcharge had been altered, and the figures of value made larger, hence these belated 1000 sets received the latter type of surcharge, and were all sent back to Pakhoi and there issued in the usual way. Pakhoi is therefore the only place in China where this variety could be obtained."

These three stamps have therefore come to be known as the "Pakhoi Provisionals." This Treaty Port is on the island of Hai-nan, off the southern coast of China. Mr. Mencarini says that "so far as can be gathered from official records not a single stamp was sent to that port." Mr. Harte-Lovell, however, has four used copies which were postmarked at Pakhoi in May, 1897, and I have myself seen a couple of copies. The reference list may be made up as follows:—

Issued May, 1897; surcharge with

large figures 1½ mm. below Chinese characters.

On 1894 issue, perforated 11¾.
½ cent on 3 candarins, yellow, orange yellow.
Inverted surcharge.
1 cent on 1 candarin, pale brick red.
2 cents on 2 candarins, yellow green, dull yellow green.
Without period.
Inverted surcharge.
4 cents on 4 candarins, pale rose.
Inverted surcharge.
5 cents on 5 candarins, orange, yellow.
8 cents on 6 candarins, brown.
10 cents on 9 candarins, green.
Inverted surcharge.
10 cents on 12 candarins, brown-orange, orange.
30 cents on 24 candarins, rose carmine.
On retouched type, perforated 11¾.
2 cents on 2 candarins, yellow green.
Without period.
On 1885 issue, perforated 11¾.
1 cent on 1 candarin, green.
2 cents on 3 candarins, mauve.
5 cents on 5 candarins, olive yellow.

Of the quantities issued of all these provisionals only the totals in most cases can be given, as that is all that has been published in the Post Office Report of 1904. No distinction appears to have been made in the varieties of surcharge, which is usual in reports of this kind. The Post Office Report gives the numbers printed, the numbers destroyed, and the resulting net issue for each value; and this latter figure is the one we give in the following table as the only one of interest to us in most cases:

½c on 3 candarins	304,047 stamps.
1c on 1 candarin	410,332 stamps
1c on 3c revenue	
2c on 2 candarins	859,675 stamps
2c on 3c revenue	
4c on 4 candarins	237,267 stamps
4c on 3c revenue	
5c on 5 candarins	157,742 stamps
8c on 6 candarins	71,020 stamps
10c on 6 candarins	
10c on 9 candarins	151,308 stamps
10c on 12 candarins	
30c on 24 candarins	26,236 stamps
1d on 3c revenue	7,249 stamps
5d on 3c revenue	5,000 stamps

Of the above denominations it seems probable that most of the 1 cent, 2 cents and 4 cents surcharged on the revenue stamp were issued and used (200,000 1 cent, 349,600 2 cents, both types, and 50,000 4 cents) as they were produced in the early part of the period of use of the provisionals. Of the stamps finally destroyed the larger part was very probably the last or "May" type of surcharge in most cases, most of the earlier types probably having been used up.

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10c blue and orange	.15
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For postmarks on this new Imperial issue we also find a change. The official notification of the opening of the Imperial Post on February 2, 1897 (23rd year of the reign of Kuang Hsü, 1st Month, 1st Day) named the following places as possessing the newly constituted Imperial Post offices:—

Amoy	Nanking
Canton	Newchwang
Chefoo	Ningpo
Chinkiang	Pagoda Anchorage
Chinhai (Ningpo)	Pakhoi
Chungking	Peking
Foochow	Shanghai
Hangchow	Shasi
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G. P. de M. overprint on the Denver issue.

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2c green	.50
3c orange	.02
5c red	.05
10c rose	.03
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3c brown	.03
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5c orange	.05
10c blue and orange	.15
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10c on 1c violet	.03
20c on 5c orange	.06
25c on 5c orange	.08
60c on 2c green	.50

On 1910 issue with the Gobierno \$ Constitucionalista overprint.

5c on 1c violet	\$.03
On 1910 issue with the Carranza GCM	
5c on 1c violet	\$.10
10c on 1c violet	.10
60c on 2c green	1.00

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circles in the lower half, beginning at the right, we find *Su-chow Yu Chêng Chü* or "Soochow Post Office." Below the Chinese date, reading to the left, is the Chinese date: *ju-szu nien, szu yüeh, san-shih jih*, or "24th year, 4th moon, 30th day" of the reign of Kuang Hsü of course. These postmarks were intended to be struck on the letter and the stamps to be cancelled by an obliterator, the latter being a device from the "64 hexagrams"—combinations of six lines made up by taking the *pa kua* or "eight diagrams" already spoken of and combining them two and two. A special "hexagram" was given each of the offices in the above list and the Soochow office can be recognized by the following:—



The obliterations, however, were not employed altogether, and we find the postmarks largely used to cancel the stamps. The old Customs postmarks were also used occasionally and some of the latter had the word "CUSTOMS" removed and were regularly used in that way.

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AN OPTIMISTIC SPIRIT PREVAILS AMONGST THE TRADE.

By WILLARD O. WYLIE.

In philately, what concerns the dealing end has a reflection in the value of the collector's possessions; the interests of the one are the interests of the other. When we consider the rise and fall of values, conclusions are weighed by both parties. Say what you will, the great proportion of our readers are interested in stamp values, and this is natural in these very practical days.

This month of October has been a phenomenal month in the stamp business. We have never seen an October so full of business as this month has been, and a glance at the four issues of the WEEKLY will bear out our statement. We published a 12 pp. paper in September and should have run one October 14 had we known in season what was coming in the way of advertising. Here is another 12 pp., and others will follow. It looks as though the business prospects back of stamp collecting will within a few years enable us to publish a 12 paged paper from October to May.

The appearance of the 1917 catalog thus early will prove a great boon to the trade, and the publishers are entitled to great credit for their up-to-dateness. Dealers generally recognize the value of the early issue of the Scott catalog.

It is difficult to indicate any special lines that are so much in demand as to sidetrack other stamps. Good U. S. are always popular, the war issues are great favorites, the revolutionary Mexican issues have been advertised from every angle, also South and Central American provisional issues, British Colonials, new issues of all countries—a wide range of desirables in stamp collecting, surely. A great interest in U. S. precancels has been developed, several dealers handling nothing else.

The publishers of the WEEKLY are greatly pleased with the demand for their books reprinted from the WEEKLY. This demand indicates something more than an ephemeral interest in our hobby. No collection is complete and no collector is fully equipped for his pleasure without possessing all the literature that is available. Our book list is a marvel of cheapness.

Sending in their advertising copy this week, some dealers had a word to say about prospects, and we quote from some of the letters received:—

J. M. BARTELS, of the J. M. Bartels Co., New York City:—

"The total sales of our firm will this year exceed any previous record by thousands of dollars and never has the outlook for a good season been more propitious. Many collectors, formerly in moderate circumstances, have been sharing in the general prosperity of the country and are now able to invest more liberally in their favorite lines. As a result sales in stamps have increased heavily, especially in all high grade material of which there is an ever increasing scarcity. Importations from Europe have practically ceased. There are therefore poor prospects of replenishing stocks from the other side and the drain upon dealers' supplies on this side is correspondingly heavier. This condition must continue at least until some time after the War. Prices at auction sales for the best quality of old issues and unusual items of almost any kind have never been higher, therefore the season's prospects are most favorable from a business point of view."

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, the veteran dealer and manager of the Philadelphia Stamp Co.:—

"We have every reason to believe that the season is going to be a good one, particularly in the better grade stamps in fine condition. Our demands for real fine material, especially early issues of United States stamps, and European stamps are greater than the supply. Not only have we inquiries from collectors for the best grade of stamps, but the trade as well frequently write us for gilt edge stamps in fine

condition, many times offering to pay more than the current retail or catalog prices on certain things.

The auction season opens up very strong. It is really surprising to see the large number of bids that we have received for the big miscellaneous lots in the sale just held. No doubt considerable of this is due to the popularity of the owner, the late H. Wesley Legg. Practically all the stamps in these large lots were in fine condition, and we notice that whenever we can say a lot in an auction sale is fine our bids are practically twice as strong as usual.

It is my opinion that as soon as the new catalog comes out, business will start with a swing, and I would not be surprised to see it booming before the Christmas holidays. The better class of buyers are more numerous than the apparent supply of fine stamps.

We are also very optimistic that there will be a great revival in the selling of cheap sets, packets, albums, etc., for the beginner. Various inducements are being made, and the advertising and missionary work that is under way should help this along very materially."

B. L. DREW, of B. L. Drew & Co.:—

"We are not worrying over this coming season's business. Every indication leads us to believe that stamps of all grades will be absorbed as never before."

PERCIVAL PARRISH, Managing Partner Franklin Stamp Co.:—

"I am decidedly optimistic. Although it is yet early we have made some exceedingly large sales and the large number of bids coming in for auctions indicate a wide-spread interest. There are very few collections being sold at this stage, most of the property coming to us for sale being from estates or the families of deceased collectors. The country is prosperous as never before and this prosperity is being left in the stamp business. It seems likely to continue throughout the entire season."

EUGENE KLEIN of Philadelphia:—

The past summer was the first one in my experience that there was no let up in business, and as we are entering into the fall season, business has even become better, and I feel quite certain that all stamp dealers are on the threshold of a great prosperity. While the demand for United States stamps has continued to be good, it was even better for new issues and especially for war issues of all countries, in spite of the speculative taint adhering to some of them.

The prospect of stamp collections coming on the market is very small, judging from the announcements of stamp auctions. So far, the auctions in New York and Philadelphia have been well attended and fine stamps sold for unusually high prices. I had the good fortune to attend the Morgenthau sale of the Appleyard collection of imperforate pairs and blocks. The unusually high prices realized for stamps even of unpopular countries indicate that there is a ready market to absorb anything really fine. The same thing holds true of the Ams collection sold at auction by the J. M. Bartels Co. In this sale, many twentieth century British Colonial stamps of a face value exceeding \$50 sold at considerably more than face value; in many cases at a very gratifying advance above the original investment. The high prices and great demand may partly be due to suspended communication between America and Germany. It is worthy of mention, that the demand for stamps in England is exceptionally good and that a good deal of English money is coming to this country for stamps of the old issues, while large sums of money go to England for new issues. The present high prices paid for new issues and especially for war issues will seem very low after the war when business will

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again be established and the collectors of the countries now at war will be ready to fill up their collections with stamps that they have missed.

W. L. ALDRICH, of Wm. L. Aldrich & Co.:—

"There is no question in my mind but that the season of 1916-17 will witness the high water mark of enthusiasm in stamp collecting. This will apply to collecting along both general and specific lines, and I confidently expect better business this year than any year I have been dealing. We cannot begin to meet the want-lists of our customers, which indicates the lack of market supply of first class material."

VAHAN MOZIAN:—

"In my business as a stamp auctioneer I notice a great deal of activity amongst stamp collectors, and this is especially true of the out-of-town collectors. Inquiries are plentiful for good U. S. stamps and for many lines of foreign."

CANAL ZONE STATIONERY.

(This addition to the chapter on "Canal Zone Stationery" in Dr. Evans' book is due to the alert eye of Harry E. Huber, who informed us of the omission and sent in a description of the card in question.—Ed.)

In 1913 a card was issued having a larger portrait of Balboa in a more compressed frame, with the words "AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. NEW YORK" below the design in small sans serif capitals. The colors were not changed. The "CANAL ZONE" surcharge reads downward, is in larger letters than on the other postal cards, and has a period after "ZONE". The size of the card and the inscriptions are the same as those of the earlier cards.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

TO THE EDITOR:—

I am informed through trade circles allied with the printing lines that some of our bank notes and quite a number of our current postage stamps are being printed or lithographed on "Off-set presses."

If this is correct there will be a merry time among the collectors who are interested in "shades."

It may not commonly be known, but it is nevertheless a fact, that the shade will vary on the production of these presses every time they are started up.

This does not mean that they change the color of the ink, because the ink will be the same for possibly weeks and months. The variation in the shade of the printing arises through the process, the printing being done from a rubber blanket. The ink from the fountain is first put on the metal cylinder containing the engraving. This metal roller or cylinder then offsets the ink upon the rubber blanket, and the printing is done from the rubber.

It takes quite a number of revolutions of impressions before the ink is uniformly offset as to quantity and distribution.

This means furthermore that if the Government is going to economize on its printing that we will have no more stamps printed on steel plates direct.

Very truly yours,
H. M. WEINSTOCK,
Kenosha, Wis.

TO THE EDITOR:—

Can you satisfy a subscriber's curiosity by advising me where are all the proofs, essays, etc., of U. S. stamps, both postage and revenue, coming from at this time? The stamp journals contain numerous advertisements offering them for sale and quite a few of the auction catalogues reaching me have them listed. Is this purely a coincidence or has a source of supply been recently discovered? I would be pleased if you could give space for an answer to my query in the WEEKLY, as the question seems to be one of general interest.

Yours truly,
MALCOLM H. GARSSEN,
Norristown, Pa.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—The Montclair (N. J.) Philatelic Society opened its third season auspiciously. Twenty-one were present and three new members elected.

—Counterfeit U. S. postage stamps are said to be circulating in and around Los Angeles, Cal. The Imperial Valley is credited as being responsible.

—"Cannot you make arrangements to furnish a self-binder for the WEEKLY? I am sure many of your readers would gladly pay a dollar or so for one. Pardon me for bringing this to your attention again,—but it's a real necessity for the proper use of your valuable publication."—C. B. B. Wright. (As yet we have found no binder that seems to meet the need voiced by our correspondent.—Ed.)

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Arthur J. Martin, W. C. Bartlett, T. H. Ames (2), Herman W. Boers, L. M. Mitcham, Matt Simuvich.

—In a recent number of the *Amateur Photographers' Weekly* is to be found a "Title Competition." Print No. 32 submitted by Herman W. Boers, Detroit, Mich., is pictured in the number before us. It consists of a cat mounted upon a tall pole and Mr. Boers intimates that the photo of his "pole cat" must have been a good one, for the publishers to have made use of it.

—We are informed by Maitland Miliken of the death of L. J. Moulton, a stamp dealer of Boulder, Colo. It will be remembered that Mr. Moulton was an occasional user of adlet space. His stock of stamps has been disposed of.

—Some two weeks ago we called attention to the operations of one Virgil K. Yowell of St. Louis, Mo., and requested interested parties to communicate with J. C. Jay, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Mr. Jay already has three complaints and would be glad to hear from other parties. Stamp papers will please copy.

SALVADOR STAMPS SURCHARGED "S".

By A. W. DUNNING.

(Mr. Dunning is aware of the fact that the Managing Editor is rather particular as regards accepting philatelic poetry. In sending in this bit of news Mr. Dunning drops into poetry, as witness:—

I've tried you on verse, now I'll try you on prose, which may take off the curse, on my writing—who knows?

As some one might say, I'll spin you a "spiel", on SALVADOR, C. A., which to you may appeal, for the facts come to me, direct and first hand, which I think you'll agree, is what the public demand.

And I have no doubt, that your gods will be thanked, when in doting this out, you find my verse "blanked."—Ed.)

When the 1912 issue was discontinued, the Postmaster General ordered a new series to be printed from the plates that served for the "palace" issue in 1907 and had them surcharged "S", meaning Salvador. The regular number were sent to Berne for U. P. U. distribution. This issue was only in use, however, for a few days, being very soon withdrawn from circulation and replaced by the "1915" issue. The reason for this change was as follows:—

From a local source the Postmaster General was "bothered" by the report that he wanted a special stamp of his own, and that the "S" was intended to stand for "SOUZA", which is his name. In spite of this report being somewhat foolish, it was really the cause of the withdrawal of the issue. The remainders of the "S" issue were sold to a certain person of San Salvador.

TWO CENTS TO NEW ZEALAND.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Conclusion of a convention providing for a 2-cent letter rate between the United States and New Zealand was announced today by the Postoffice Department. New Zealand is approximately 7,000 miles from the eastern coast of the United States.

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SOME AMS' AUCTION SALE PRICES.

A few prices realized at the Ams' Sale of British Colonials held by J. M. Bartels Co., New York, Oct. 10 and 11, are as follows, all stamps mentioned being in very fine condition:

	No.	Cat.	Price
Gt. Britain, 1882-83, 10sh	(91)	\$15.00	\$12.00
* Barbados, 1871, 6p verm.	(31)	25.00	17.70
—1878, 1p on half of 5sh	(57)	40.00	39.00
* Bermuda, 1874, 3p on 1sh	(8)	9.00	7.30
* Br. Honduras, '84, 1sh gray	(17)	20.00	14.75
Cape, 1853, 1p, superb	...	4.50	6.10
—1p, block 4 on cover	(1)	18.00	24.00
* Gold Coast, '89, 20sh, sup.	(23)	60.00	64.00
* Montserrat, 1876-79, 2 1/2p	...	9.00	8.10
* Nevis, 1867, 1s bl. gr., sup.	(12)	35.00	29.00
* —1879, 6p olive gray	...	40.00	29.00
* —1882, 6p green	...	35.00	24.00
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Tasmania, 1853, 4p orange	(2)	6.50	8.25
Tobago, 1880, 1p in mss.	...	40.00	38.00
on 1/2 of 6p	...	40.00	29.00
* —1883, 6p bistre brown	...	40.00	29.00

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Cayman Isls., '07, 2 1/2 on 4p	(20)	25.00	21.00
—1p on 4p	...	30.00	24.00
Ceylon, 1912, 20r	...	10.00	10.75
E. Afr. & Uganda, '12, 50r	...	25.00	24.75
Jamaica, 1905-09, 2sh	...	8.00	6.40
Natal, 1904-08, 1 1/2 sh	...	140.00	160.00
Nyasaland, 1908, 1 1/2 sh	...	66.00	
Papua, 1906, 2sh 6p, vert.	...		
surch., block of 4 (G. 37a)	...	110.00	
Sierra Leone, 1904, 1 1/2 sh	...	35.00	32.50
Straits, 1902, 100r	...	120.00	
Transvaal, 1902, 1 1/2 sh	...	50.00	62.00
Zanzibar, 1908, 200r	...	92.00	

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We have recently issued a new style subscription coupon based on a six months' new subscription to the WEEKLY. We give in connection with this coupon a premium to the new subscriber and also a premium or cash commission to the subscription-getter.

There has been a good demand for these premium coupons, but we want a larger demand. Our roll of honor list included the following, who have sent in two or more subscriptions:—

Edgewood Stamp Co.,	12
Royal Stamp Co.,	4
H. S. Powell Co.,	2
Raymond E. Scheerer,	2

We shall publish this list from time to time and trust the honor roll will take on large proportions before the season is over.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Here—It has been said that while time may be measured by instruments, there is no clock to thunder "down the corridors of time" the beginning of a new era. So it is with the stamp season. We know that it opens each year but the hour that the new philatelic year makes its appearance eludes us. Roughly, it may be said that the season is on soon after the first few weeks of school are past and routine has been established. The weather conditions are of prime importance and no matter what the calendar says, warm evenings are not conducive to a revival of philatelic activity. When there is frost in the air, the attractions of the stamp album under the cheerful light become irresistible. It is not premature to announce that the new season is here. Let the catalogue come, the sooner the better, so that there may be no check upon the rising tide of philatelic enthusiasm for the season of 1916-17.

Plain—It is unnecessary to indulge in any extended glorification of the prospects for the year as there is a feeling of conviction generally that all is well with stamps this season. Indeed, it would be amazing if in this year of philatelic wonders, there would not be a responsive throb in the philatelic breast. The intensely interesting issues that have attended the disturbances of

RARE U. S. LOCALS

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EUGENE KLEIN, 1318 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

the world war have added to the fascinations of collecting and the philatelist feels that he is a favored factor. He is living in stirring times and the quickening of his pulse means that his pursuit of the objects of his regard will be more eager than ever before.

Cheering—Here we are pleased to make room for a hopeful view from *St. Nicholas*, the publication that is doing worthy work in proclaiming the pleasures of stamp collecting: "We in this office believe absolutely in the future of philately and in the destiny and leadership of *St. Nicholas* in preaching the gospel to the thousands of young Americans all over this broad land. The youngsters of today are the men and women of tomorrow and not the least results of today's efforts will be that the growing generation will get from its parents a greater appreciation of the hobby than is held by the mothers and fathers today. The situation is ideal. We get results immediately and as the impressions of childhood are lasting, the enthusiasm created now will not cease until long after you and I are too old to care. Stamp collecting is entering on a new era. We are glad to be identified with it."

Ingenious—Mr. B. Abraham has shown us a novelty post card that came from Melbourne, Victoria, that we understand is sold for the benefit of one of the soldiers' funds. On the reverse or picture side are two figures,—a typical old maid is chasing a rooster and clutching at his tail. As she pulls out a feather, she soliloquizes: "He loves me, —He Loves me not." The scurrying fowl expostulates: "Let go, Flora, I'm off to the front." The "characters" are most cleverly made from pieces of the green half-penny stamp, the one penny red and the four pence orange, Australia, current issue. This "comic" is a most ingenious creation and should be seen to be appreciated.

Worst—A reader rises in his seat and in a piping voice calls attention to a fact that he thinks should go thundering down the philatelic ages. He avers that of all the recent issues of U. S. stamps the one that is most elusive in fine used condition is the ten cent registration stamp of lamented memory. Out of over 2,000 copies that he received on business mail from all sections of the country, he can classify only 150 as well centered and not heavily canceled, or as fine copies.

Questioned—A reader whose communication appears elsewhere calls attention to the prolificity of U. S. proofs and essays in advertisements, auction

sales and the general marts of trade. He asks: "Is this purely a coincidence or has a source of supply recently been discovered?" We do not pretend to speak *ex cathedra*, but we believe that any augmented supply of these varieties may be attributed to the release of several large collections or sets of proofs and essays in piece-meal lots. We were informed that there were several duplicate lots of these stamps at the time, one of which was offered to us, that if not sold intact would be broken up for sale, with the result that odd and single pieces would become available. Since the scandal in connection with the four-cent Pan-American invert over twelve years ago, the somewhat irregular manner in which proofs were distributed has been corrected. It is possible that some reader may be able to furnish us with fact, rather than surmise, in this connection.

Twisted—The following letter comes from Mr. John H. Vale, Philippines, and is a remarkable exposition of the case as seen by the other fellow: "The following extract from a letter just received from Dr. E. Rodriguez, Cebu, P. I., owner of the 'Rodriguez' collection of Philippine stamps, which is understood to be the greatest specialized collection of Philippine stamps in the world, may prove of some interest at some time or other to your readers as showing the foreigner's opinion of the kaleidoscopic changes in the U. S. stamps. The original letter in Spanish (the doctor does not read, write or speak English) I do not forward, but trust that the translation will suffice: 'I cannot understand what object the Postmaster General of the United States has in view with these very frequent changes in the stamps, now perforated 10; now with new values such as the seven and the eleven cent, and lastly, as you have advised me and of which I was heretofore ignorant, the appearance of the new series without watermark and perforated 11. If he continues in this manner, changing at each instant the perforation of the stamps, the result will be three or four series all the same which will differ by being perforated 10, 11 and—to-morrow, perforated 14 or 15. Does it not appear that they are playing? Nicaragua, Guatemala and others have been and are amusing themselves with surcharges of new values; Mexico by reason of the war has been playing with the surcharge G. C. M. vertical, horizontal, inclined, round, square, etc. Does it not seem that they are giving us lessons in geometry? And now the United States, because surcharges do not please them, are amusing themselves with the teeth of the stamps; it would be better to perforate them 32, equal to the number of teeth the humans have.' The underscoring is the Doctor's; he is not at-

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37 1893, 20c20
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tempting to be witty, but writes in desperation."

Argument—We can believe that our issues have suffered a demoralization in the mind of Dr. Rodriguez and that not unnaturally, he thinks that he has grounds for placing us on a parity with several of the philatelically submerged countries. The varieties of U. S., as filed in the indictment, do exist—the perforated 11, unwatermarked, will soon displace the present unwatermarked perforated 10,—but it is the appearance of evil that has contaminated our recent stamps in the minds of those who are removed from the scene. All the changes, so puzzling to the one afar, were dictated by business progress and improved production and were effected with a fine disregard for philatelic opinion. We know, too, that the issue of odd denominations was in answer to a demand for such values. We should say that the philatelic complications that have ensued are the result of the modern demand for increased efficiency, to speak broadly.

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THE STAMP DEALER AND HIS STOCK.

By BILL BLOSS.

CHAPTER XI.—Advertising.

I am not posing as an expert stamp dealer, nor do I try to make my articles complete. I merely try to dispose of a very few of the obstacles that rise in the path of the new stamp dealer. Were I an expert on advertising or any other of the subjects I write about, my time would be worth too much to write articles for even the world's best stamp paper. However, I believe my articles are helping a few who lack even my limited experience.

Advertising the Key to Business.

Without advertising very few, especially of the new dealers, could prosper. Of course, there is direct and indirect advertising. A dealer without effort on his part may win fame if he can supply every stamp in a certain line the way the people want it, or if some particular feature of his business is different from the ordinary run. That is indirect advertising.

Direct advertising is divided into many classes, too numerous to list here. It consists of newspaper, classified and displayed; circular and individual letter; premiums; etc.

Continuing our remarks of last week, let us consider our friends, Anderson and Jones. Having prepared their stock as previously explained, they are now ready to advertise. We will consider their displayed advertising first.

Anderson has prepared a fine line of American approvals, which he handles almost exclusively. He wishes to attract a little attention to his advertising, as he is unknown, hence he makes use of many of the well known psychological points of advertising. First he uses the

Mystery.

In advertising, this feature consists of copy so worded as to arouse the curiosity of the reader without disclosing the identity of the advertiser. Properly handled, this feature will bring results. If, however, the campaign is not brought to a head at the right moment, the attention of the reader will decrease. Wrigley's "Spearmint" was introduced by this method. Movie fans are doubtless familiar with the campaigns to attract attention to the affairs of "Kathlyn" or "Zudora" or the "Dangers of Diana" or "The Sins of Sarah," as the case may be. My own campaign introducing my "Blue Books" held recently in this paper brought very good results.

To get back to our friend Anderson. He believes that a few short spaces are better than one long one, since each advertisement makes an impression on the mind of the reader, and many impressions are better than one. Large single spaces in a campaign of this kind are unnecessary unless something is to be told in detail. The less detail to mystery advertising, the better. Hence, Anderson runs the following one line displayed adv.:

What Does Anderson Sell?

Who is Anderson?

Why Should I Buy From Anderson?

After two or three insertions of advertising of this kind, Anderson announces his American Approvals on this order:

ANDERSON'S AMERICAN APPROVALS make good collections better. Only clean, well-centered, lightly cancelled or O. G. stamps included, at honest prices. No speculative or other trash included. Personal attention to all orders gives my clients satisfaction.
A. ANDERSON, BIGTOWN, TEXAS.

The readers who have been wondering who Anderson was have found out. If they collect his line, they will be anxious

to see if his stamps are as good as he says they are. He appeals to them because he claims to have the kind of books they are looking for. The fact that he believes in personal service shows that he is in harmony with progressive business ideas. Therefore, he attracts the people by his advertising.

Now let us consider our friend Jones. He lacks advertising ability so he advertises his common-place approvals as follows and keeps the same copy week after week, without change, because it is too much bother to write a new ad each time.

TRY MY 50% DISCOUNT SELECTIONS of stamps on approval. 100 stamps free with every lot. Please write to
J. JONES, NOPLACE, IOWA.

Let us compare the two advertisements. In Anderson's, his display is attractive for the reason that he explains what Anderson sells, and this is the point he has been working up to. Had he announced

50% DISCOUNT SELECTIONS known as "Anderson's American Approvals" will be sent to American collectors, etc.

he would have attracted little attention, since 50% discount approvals are as common as fleas on a goat, and the display must arouse the curiosity of the reader if it is to hold his attention through the whole space. After the announcement, the display would not attract much attention for the reason that the reader would not care to learn about Anderson or his approvals. But, since they are wondering who Anderson is, and what he sells, they seize this opportunity to satisfy their curiosity.

Consider Jones's copy. Don't you ask yourself why you should try his approvals? Why should you? Does he tell you anything about them? From his advertisement you learn only two things, the first being that he sends selections of stamps instead of bread labels or cigar bands, the second that he offers you a premium for trying them. We will discuss the premium later. If Jones had said, "Try my 50% Discount Approvals," wouldn't we have known just as much? Three words would have been saved. Any reader of intelligence knows that he sends selections of stamps, not a hundred of the same stamp. Also, every reader knows that the word "approvals" signifies "selections of stamps" when it appears in an advertisement of this nature. Now consider the phrase "please write to." Naturally, the reader will write to Jones if he wants the selections, unless he telephones him, or cables him, or calls on him. If he does any of these things, isn't it just as satisfactory to Jones? In Anderson's advertisement, we learn just what kind of stamps he includes in his approvals, and the way he tells us makes us anxious to buy them. We hope that he can supply us with the kind of goods he claims, otherwise we will stop trading with him. It is

No Use to Waste This Space

by inserting "specimen copy." The reader will have to make a study of the copy of other dealers and pattern his accordingly. If any advertiser has difficulty in writing copy that pulls results, if he will submit some of his "copy" to me, I will gladly point out to him where he is making his mistake. The chief mistake the amateur makes is to copy the style of some other dealer. Many dealers have the idea that writing an advertisement is the simplest part of the stamp business, and that any jumble of words will do the business. Forget

GREECE

1912, 21 orange, used, No. 501, .50
 1912, 51 green, used, No. 502, .40
 1912, 101 rose, used, No. 503, .40
 1912, 2pa olive green, used, No. 581, .85
 1912, 20pa rose, used, No. 584, .60
 1902, 401 brown, used, No. 356, .12
 1902, 1d black, used, No. 358, .25
 1912, 1d black, unused, No. 975, .50
 1914, Epirus 11-101, unused, Nos. 15-16-17, .07
 1914, Epirus 251 blue & blue, un'd, No. 18, .07
 1914, Epirus 501 violet & blue, unused, No. 19, .14
 1914, Epirus 1d carmine & blue, unused, No. 20, .25
 1914, Epirus 2d orange & blue, unused, No. 21, .50
 1914, Epirus 5d green & blue, unused, No. 22, 1.25

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 1408 6c on white, .12
 1421 3c on white, .35
 1422 3c on white, .40
 1423 3c on white, .35
 1429 1c on amber, .05
 1436 3c on amber, .07
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These are about the size of U. S. Quarters, but quarter-inch thick. In truly natural condition. Very scarce and highly interesting.

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What high values in the 1906-11 and 1909-13 issues do you need? I can send you some on approval if you can send me references.
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U. S. WHOLESALE.

10 8c Columbians, .15
 10 4c Omahas, .25
 100 2c Omahas, .12
 200 Var. Foreign, cat. \$15, .150
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It will be to our mutual benefit if you send for a selection of our net approvals. Reference, please.

UNIVERSAL STAMP CO., Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

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* Unused. Postage Extra.
* 1c 1910, Cuba Invert, No. 239A. We have but one copy, close at top, but otherwise fine. Returnable if unsatisfactory but cannot send on approval. Price\$6.50
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10c on 5c colored or white07
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* 1908 Dues, Nos. 700 to 704, Set22
We also have others of the G. P. de M. and a nice selection of others of the Rev. issues in 2 sets of books to send on approval. Red Cross Packet of Fr. Col. 20 varieties for \$1.00 mixed * and used.
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The Russia 10k Red Cross used, original envelope, white for 10c; colored for 14c. Selections sent on Approval. Each country mounted separate. Satisfactory references required.

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U. S. BLOCKS

710 of them in BARTLETS' November Sale. The Keller Collection. [51]

it. Advertising is just deep enough to be over the head of the dealer who doesn't think, and a lot of thinkers would do better if they would sit down and study their own advertisements, and see if they would answer them if they were looking for stamps. Let us consider

The Question of Making Up Copy.

In the first place, unless you are experienced in printing, or have some particular reason for giving the printer advice, let him use his own judgment on how to set up your advertising. Keep a carbon copy of your "copy" and compare it with the finished advertisement. In this way, you will learn about how much to write for a two inch space. Where a paper allows fourteen lines to the inch, and seven words to the line, remember that the seven words are ordinary sized, not a selection of the longest words in the language. By comparison of past copy, study the length of the lines. Remember that while fourteen lines can be crowded into an inch of space, that no room for display is left. Also, when the reader has to examine your advertisement with a reading glass, he will pass it up and put in his time looking through some 8c 1895 for an "I. R." watermark. Limit your inch space to fifty words at the most, and make it twenty if you can tell the story in that number. The fewer, the better.

Anderson inserts the following advertisement:

U. S. \$1 1902 Cat. .40Price .10
U. S. \$1 1894 Cat. 1.0030
U. S. \$1 1895 Cat. .5060
U. S. \$1 1898 Cat. 2.00 1.20
U. S. \$1 Columbian 3.00 1.50
* U. S. \$1 Parcel Post 1.75 1.50

Jones inserts the following in same sized space.

LOOK!

U. S. 241 at 1.10; 261 at 25c; 276 at 15c; 292 at 50c; 311 at 8c; 460 at 1.10; Set 294 to 299 at 45c; 312 at 2.35 unsd. 218 at 60c; 275a unsd. 1.10.

Both of these advertisements contain practically the same offers, though Jones' prices are lowest. Anderson uses as a leader a \$1.00 1902 listing at 40c, which he sells at cost, or 10c, to attract customers. His items are clear, and the collector can see at once what stamps are offered, and if he is familiar with U. S. stamps, will readily see if he needs any of the stamps offered and can order without further loss of time.

Now turn to Jones' advertisement. His display is excellent. It attracts your attention. You look, and see a big mess of figures that means you must either get out your catalogue and laboriously check over prices, or take a chance. Not being of a gambling turn of mind, you decide to pass up Jones' remarkable offers, hence Jones loses a customer and you lose some bargains, but save some of your good time.

Too many advertisers have the idea that the more is jammed into a space, the more money will be gotten out of it. Hence, advertisements like Jones' are not uncommon. The average reader values his time too much to plod through such messes of figures as these. If he wants to solve a puzzle, he turns to Sam Lloyd, not to Jones' advertisement. If he wants to buy goods, he is liable to turn to Anderson because he sees what he wants and doesn't have to investigate it in a catalogue or solve a code before he knows if the price is right.

Leaders

are articles offered at attractive prices to bring trade and are usually sold at or below cost. No attempt at a profit should be made from a leader, or in fact from any stamp advertised in this way unless an enormous volume of business is received. Make your profit by selling to the customers after they buy the leader stamp and give you a chance to circularize them with the merits of your stock. The writer firmly believes that premiums are better than leaders to attract trade.

(To be continued.)



SEYCHELLES

Prices taken from Scott's 1917 Catalogue.

CHAS. S. OSGOOD

SALEM, MASS.

ALL UNUSED. POSTAGE EXTRA.



No.	Cat. My price	No.	Cat. My price
1 1890, 2c green and carmine...	.15 .07	40 1903, 6c carmine .....	.10 .08
2 1890, 4c carmine and green...	.10 .05	41 1903, 12c olive gray & green...	.20 .10
3 1890, 8c brown violet & blue...	.40 .20	42 1903, 15c ultramarine .....	.30 .20
4 1890, 10c blue and brown .....	.40 .20	43 1903, 18c yellow grn. & carmine ..	.50 .25
5 1890, 13c slate and black .....	.40 .16	44 1903, 30c purple and green .....	.60 .30
6 1890, 16c orange brn. & ultra...	.60 .30	45 1903, 45c brown and carmine .....	.75 .45
7 1890, 48c ochre and green	1.50 .75	46 1903, 75c yellow & purple	1.00 .60
8 1890, 96c violet & carmine	4.00 2.25	47 1903, 1r 50c black and carmine ..	1.50 1.00
9 1892, 3c on 4c carm. & green...	.15 .07	48 1903, 2r 25c violet and green ..	2.50 1.75
10 1892, 12c on 16c or. brn. & blue	.65 .30	49 1903, 3c on 15c ultramarine ..	.60 .40
11 1892, 15c on 16c or. brn. & blue	.75 .35	50 1903, 3c on 18c yellow green & carmine	1.25 .65
12 1892, 45c on 48c ochre & green ..	2.00 1.00	51 1903, 3c on 45c brn. & carm...	.30 .20
13 1892, 90c on 96c violet & carm.	5.00 2.50		
14 1893, 3c dark violet & orange ..	.03 .03	MULTIPLE WATERMARK.	
15 1893, 12c olive gray and green ..	.25 .15	52 1906, 2c red brown and green ..	.06 .04
16 1893, 15c olive green & violet ..	.50 .25	53 1906, 3c green .....	.08 .05
17 1893, 45c brown & carmine	2.00 1.00	54 1906, 6c carmine .....	.08 .06
18 1896, 18c on 45c brn. & carm.	.60 .30	55 1906, 12c olive gray & green...	.12 .08
19 1896, 36c on 45c brn. & carm.	1.50 .75	56 1906, 15c ultramarine .....	.30 .20
20 1897, 18c ultramarine .....	.25 .15	57 1906, 18c yellow green and carmine .....	.30 .15
21 1897, 36c brown & carmine	1.75 .90	58 1906, 30c purple and green ..	.35 .20
22 1897, 1r violet & carmine	1.75 .90	59 1906, 45c brown and carmine ..	.40 .25
23 1900, 2c orange brn. & green...	.08 .04	60 1906, 75c yellow & purple .....	.75 .45
24 1900, 6c carmine .....	.12 .05	61 1906, 1r 50c black & carmine...	1.25 .75
25 1900, 15c ultramarine .....	.20 .10	62 1906, 2r 25c violet and green...	2.00 1.25
26 1900, 75c yellow and purple	3.00 1.75	HEAD OF KING GEORGE.	
27 1900, 1r 50c black and carm...	4.00 2.50	63 1912, 2c orange brown & grn.	.02 .01
28 1900, 2r 25c violet & green	5.00 3.00	64 1912, 3c green .....	.02 .02
29 1901, 3c on 10c blue & brown...	.35 .18	65 1912, 6c carmine .....	.04 .03
30 1901, 3c on 16c or. brn. & bl.	.35 .15	66 1912, 12c olive gray & green...	.09 .07
31 1901, 3c on 36c brn. & carm...	.25 .12	67 1912, 15c ultramarine .....	.10 .08
32 1901, 6c on 8c brn. viol. & ultra	.25 .12	68 1912, 18c yellow grn. & carm.	.14 .12
33 1902, 2c on 4c carmine & green...	.40 .25	69 1912, 30c purple & green .....	.18 .16
34 1902, 30c on 75c yell. & green...	.60 .35	70 1912, 45c brown and carmine...	.24 .22
35 1902, 30c on 1r violet & carm.	1.25 .60	71 1912, 75c yellow and purple...	.40 .35
36 1902, 45c on 1r violet & carm.	1.25 .60	72 1912, 1r 50c black & carmine ..	.85 .75
37 1902, 45c on 2r 25c viol. & grn.	2.50 1.50	73 1912, 2r 25c violet and green...	1.40 1.10
38 1903, 2c red brown and green ..	.08 .04		
39 1903, 3c green .....	.10 .05		

MEXICAN REVOLUTIONARY

The most interesting stamps of the 20th Century! More has been written about these issues than about all the European war issues put together—and the half has not been told! Every time my buyers give me a little rest, I sort out a used mixture or look over a few covers—and find out something new! Better get in the game and get some of the good things for yourself—you can't even read this ad over without finding out something you didn't know—try it and see!

UNUSED MINT.
100 all different, all postage, no revenues, no minor varieties, \$5.00
1914-16, including Oaxaca.

50 all different, same description\$1.00
10 lots for \$9.00.
20 all diff., 10 for \$1.25; 100 for12.00
12 all diff., 10 for .50; 100 for 4.20
6 all diff., 10 for .25; 100 for 1.50
(from 6 different issues.)

Habilitados, 5c on 1c \$ sur. .02 .15 .75
10c on 1c white paper .. .02 .15 .75
10c on 1c blue paper .. .03 .23 1.50
20c on 5c light brn. sur. .06 .45 ..
20c on 5c black-brn. sur. .03 .23 1.50
25c on 5c 191004 .30 2.00
60c on 2c 191040 3.50 ..

New engraved 1c01 .05 .15
G.P. de M. on Denver, 50c... .15 1.25 ..
1p30 2.50 ..

Carranza Commem. (used). .08 .60 5.00
G. P. de M. on 1910, 2c02 .15 ..
3c03 .23 ..
5c05 .38 2.50
50c50 3.75 ..

G. P. de M. on \$ surc., 2c02 .15 1.00
3c03 .23 1.50
4c04 .30 ..
10c05 .38 2.50
15c15 1.20 ..
20c20 1.50 10.00
50c50 3.75 25.00
1p 1.00 7.50 50.00

G.P.de M.on baby G.C.M., 2c .02 .15 1.00
3c .03 .23 1.50
5c .05 .38 2.50
15c .15 1.00 7.50
20c .20 1.50 10.00

Large G. C. M. 362, 1c05 .35 2.50
363, 2c10 .65 5.00
364, 3c15 1.00 7.50
366, 5c05 .35 2.50
367, 10c15 1.00 ..
368, 15c25 1.50 ..
369, 20c30 2.00 ..
370, 50c75 5.00 ..
371, 1p 1.50 10.00 ..
372, 5p 7.50 50.00 ..

Monterrey Surch., same as large G.C.M., except 4c... 1.50 10.00 ..
Denver issue 380, 1c01 .05 .25
381, 2c02 .10 .50
382, 3c02 .15 .75
383, 5c02 .15 .75
385, 15c03 .23 1.50

Complete sets of 830 2.50 20.00
Villa G. C. M. 412, 1c20 1.50 10.00
413, 2c02 .15 .50
414, 3c02 .15 .75
415, 4c20 1.50 ..
416, 5c02 .15 .75
417, 10c20 1.00 ..
418, 15c30 1.50 ..
419, 20c40 2.00 ..

Map 40c (snap)04 .30 2.00
Lighthouse 1p (snap)10 .75 5.00
P. O. Bldg., 5p (snap)50 3.75 25.00

Remit by check, draft, money order, stamps (1c and 2c), whichever is most convenient. Postage extra on all orders amounting to less than \$1.00. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

S. B. HOPKINS, Box 50, LAREDO, TEXAS

POSTALLY USED.

Did you know that there were two settings of the \$ surcharge, made in Guadalajara and Mexico City, and that you can tell which setting any stamp is from? Did you know that the \$ sign is found inverted, and also in different positions with reference to the letters of the surcharge? Did you know that there are two varieties of the 1, 4, 5 & 10c of the "famous men" perf. as well as shades of all values?

Get one of my used mixtures and pick out some of these now, before they are catalogued—you will never regret it!

100 mixed, guaranteed to contain at least 25 diff., from 8 issues, 50c; 10 lots (1000 stamps)\$4.50

1000 mixed, 15 different, 5 issues 2.50
30 different (all catalogue vars.) in fine condition, 30c; 10 lots for 2.50

ON ORIGINAL COVERS.

Every collector of Mex. stamps should have at least one specimen from each of the revolutionary issues of 1914. The best way to have them is used on the original cover. Here are the cheapest varieties:

Transitorio 1, 2, 4, 5, 10c on 4 covs. for .30
Denver 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c on 4 covers, for .15
Coahuila (Denver revenues, without district surch., used postally) 5c .12

Leon (Gov. Const. in 2 lines) 5c 1.00
Matehuala (E. C.-M. in 2 lines plain letters) 2c & 3c on one cover \$1; 5c .50

Mazatlan (Gobierno Constitucionalista in 2 lines, both lines same size letters) 5c50

Monterrey (same as above, but second line much smaller letters) 5c, .06; 10c .12
2c and 3c together, .50; 1c and 4c together, \$1.50; 10c30

Queretaro (similar to Monterrey, letters slightly different), 5c12
San Luis Potosi (E. C.-de-M. in 3 lines, fancy letters), 5c12

Torreón (T. C., horseshoe type), 5c50
Same (Gobierno Constitucionalista in 1 diagonal line), 5c12

Large G. C. M., type I (Sonora), 5c12
Type II (Veracruz), 5c12
Zacatecas (Z. M. in circle), 5c50

Coach Seal, 5c 1st and 2nd printings (2) .25
Perf., Trans., 5c No. 38812
Villa G. C. M. 2c, Carranza G. C. M. 2c (2) .12

Famous Men, 10c imperf. pair12
G. P. de M. on Denver, 1p registered cover30

33 DIFF. MEX. REBEL COVERS, \$1.00.
Last call for this popular collection—just 40 left, so don't put it off any longer! One of the covers listed above at 12c each (your choice) will be included in each of these lots, as long as they last.

Remit by check, draft, money order, stamps (1c and 2c), whichever is most convenient. Postage extra on all orders amounting to less than \$1.00. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

S. B. HOPKINS, Box 50, LAREDO, TEXAS

Big Premium Offers == Desirable Stamps

These premiums are so much extra value given to get us in touch with new customers, but we will not bar our old friends from taking advantage of the offer. Our prices are the same as though no premiums were given, and you are getting full value for your money.

One of These Given with a Cash Order of \$1.00 or More from This List. Two with a \$5.00 Order.

U. S. 1914 Revenue 80c Postage Paper, uncut fine, a good stamp. Has sold for 50c... ?
U. S. Rev., 10c Bill of Lading, imp. 1914, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$5.00 uncut ?
2nd Issue Revenue 3c or 15c .50

50c Parcel Post (fine)50
10c Foreign Ex. ultramarine .50
Cuba 1914, 1p gray (Map)60
Ecuador 1887, Official 5c*50
Egypt 1914, 100m black (pictorial) .65
Abyssinia 1896, Dues 4, 8, 16g*45
Honduras 1913, 10c No. 307* ?

India (Patiala) 1891, 9p red*50
Japan 1908, 5y, 10y fine45
Mozambique Co. 1892, 5r to 300r .66
Newfoundland 1896, 1/2c red*40
1911, 6c violet No. 9850
Panama 1904, 50c brown No. 81 1.00
Port. Congo, 25 on 200r* No. 58.. .65

Siam 1914, Nos. 133, 139, 140 ?
Straits Settlements 1908, \$1 black and red60
Transvaal 1893, 2 1/2 on 1sh*75
Perak 1896, Official 5c* 1.00
Venezuela 1905, Jubilee 5, 10, 25c* .60
Panama Nos. 181 to 184*93

Given With An Order of \$5.00 or More.

Cuba 1911, 1p black, fine ?
Russia 1913, 2 rubles Romanoff 2.50
Macau No. 142 and 143 (cat. \$5.00 in 1913 catalogue) ?
Straits 1908, \$5 postally used 3.00
1912, \$5 postally used ?
U. S. 1871, 90c carmine 1.50

Costa Rica 1907, 2col* (1917 cat. \$3.00) 3.00
Cuba 1910, 1p 1914, 50c, 1p 1.60
Salvador Off. 1906, 1c to 100c*... 5.48
1c No. 326* 3.00
Ecuador 1903, (triangle) 1, 2, 10, 20, 50c, 1s* 1.86

ABOVE PREMIUMS ARE NOT "JUNK" AND WELL WORTH HAVING.

UNITED STATES OFFERS

U. S. are getting scarce but the purchase of two large accumulations enables us to make these offers.

1857, 10c green, No. 50c \$.75 \$.35
1861, 10c green30 .11
12c black 1.00 .45
30c orange 1.25 .58
1868, 1c 9x13 1.00 .43
1869, 1c buff 1.00 .45
6c blue85 .40
1871, 7c vermilion75 .35
90c carmine 1.50 .68
90c carmine pairs 3.00 1.75
15c orange75 .35
1890, 30c black12 .05
1893, Columbus 15c green35 .14
1895, \$1 black, type II 1.50 .70
1898, Omaha 4, 5, 8, 10c47 .22
1901, Buffalo 4, 5, 8, 10c52 .23
1904, Louisiana 3, 5, 10c32 .14
1905, \$1 purple brown40 .17
1902, \$1 black40 .17
50c red Parcel Post, fine40 .15
75c red Parcel Post, fine75 .29
\$1 red Parcel Post, fine85 .39
We have thousands of dollars worth of other U. S. at half catalog. Send us your want list. We only offer here what we have enough of to meet any reasonable demand.

Post Office, 90c black* \$2.50 \$.98
Treasury, 10c brown30 .13
Treasury, 15c brown25 .11
Treasury, 30c brown35 .15
Treasury, 90c brown60 .27
War. 15c rose*35 .14
Most of the other Depts. at not more than half catalog, used or new.

UNITED STATES REVENUES.

O.K. Imperforate copies with good margins.
5c Certificate \$.25 \$.07
10c Bill of Lading75 .22
25c Insurance25 .08
25c Protest75 .25
25c Warehouse Receipt 1.00 .38
50c Lease 1.25 .45
50c Life Insurance 2.50 .98
50c Passage Ticket 5.00 1.75
\$1 Entry of Goods75 .27
\$1 Lease 2.00 .65
\$1 Manifest 1.50 .55
\$1 Passage Ticket 8.00 2.75
\$5 Manifest 3.50 1.45

Perforated Revenues.

3c Telegraph25 .08
5c Playing Cards75 .25
10c Foreign Exchange40 .14
10c Foreign Exchange ultramar. .50 .15
15c Foreign Exchange60 .23
25c Warehouse Receipt60 .22
50c Conveyance, ultramarine50 .12
50c Lease40 .14
50c Probate of Will75 .28
50c Surety Bond, ultramarine50 .13
\$1.50 Foreign Exchange75 .27
\$1.50 Foreign Exchange15 .05
\$2 Mortgage, or Conveyance15 .05
\$3 Charter Party20 .07
\$2 Probate of Will 1.00 .38
\$3.50 Inland Exchange 1.50 .55
Send want list of other Revs. Have most of them.

Second Issue Revenues.

1c blue and black \$.75 \$.27
3c blue and black50 .15
15c blue and black50 .15
20c blue and black25 .08
70c blue and black75 .27
\$1.50 blue and black30 .10
\$2 blue and black60 .22

Third Issue Revenues.

1c claret and black \$1.50 \$.52
6c orange and black 1.00 .38
30c black and orange50 .17
40c brown and black75 .27
\$2 red and black40 .15
Other Second and Third Issues at not more than half list.
1898 Prop. 1 1/2c blue \$.08 \$.03
1898 Prop. 3 1/2c slate20 .09
1900 Dec. \$10 gray & black, cut40 .17

1914 Revenues—Proprietaries.

These seem to be hard to pick up. In months of searching we have been unable to pick up many of the comparatively low priced varieties.
1c* black (revenue paper)03
2c* black (revenue paper)04
3c* black (revenue paper)05
3 1/2c* black (revenue paper)06

4 1/2c* black (revenue paper)07
5c black (revenue paper)05
10c black (revenue paper)10
20c black (revenue paper)15

Wines & Cordials.

10c green, No. 316507
20c green, No. 316618
40c green, No. 316830
1914 Documentary Revenues.
4c to \$1, uncut fine20
\$2 carmine, uncut fine04
\$3 purple, uncut fine10
\$5 blue, uncut fine12
5, 10, 25c, 50c, uncut fine (post. paper) .15
40c red, uncut fine (postage paper) .10
80c red, uncut fine (postage paper) .20

Some other 1914 rev. in stock but too few to list here.

FOREIGN OFFERS

Many really rare stamps scattered through this list, which are seldom offered at any price.

Abyssinia 5 on 16g No. 55* \$5.00 \$2.45
5 on 16g. No. 56* 5.00 2.45
Abyssinia 1pl on 4g red* 7.25
a rare stamp 15.00
Abyssinia 1909, 1, 1, 2, 4g.78 .35
What do you want in this country?
Bolivia 1866, 50c blue \$25.00 11.75
copies fine
Bolivia 1866, 50c blue* a superb block of four 72.00

Brazil 1906, 5000r carmine, Good copies & cheap60 .25
Colomb. Rep. 1902, 2c rose* 3.00 1.38
1902, 2c rose* 1.50 .45
Dom. Rep. 1900, 2p brown* 4.50 1.95
1911, 1p viol. & blk.* 1.50 .58

Egypt 1914, 20m olive Pic.10 .03
1914, 50m violet Pic.30 .10
Egypt 1914, 100m black Pic.65 .22
1914, 200m plum Pic. 1.25 .62

Soudan 1898, 5pi (camel)50 .22
1902, 2pi (camel)20 .08
German Col. Cameruns '97, 10pf*20 .09
Marianna '00, 3pf*60 .27

Greece 1911, 1dr, No. 20818 .06
1913, 2dr, No. 73165 .27
Guatemala 1915, 5p red & black75 .35
'02, 1p brn. & blk.12 .04

Japan 1906, 1 1/2 blue* Jub.60 .22
1906, 3s rose* Jub.50 .22
Japan 1908, 5y green15 .06
1908, 10y violet30 .13

Japan 1914, 1y green & brn.10 .04
1914, 5y green12 .05
Mexico 1915, 50c, 1p* Nos. 437-8 3.00 1.10
1915, 40c slate10 .05

Netherlands 1913, 2 1/2g violet. 1.25 .58
1913, 5g yellow 1.25 .58
Nicaragua 1912, 1, 2, 5p* 4.00 1.75
1915, 5 on 6c10 .05

Panama 1892, 1p lake 1.00 .42
1903, 1p, No. 75*85 .42
Paraguay 1886, Off. set cap. 9.95
and fine, scarce set. 28.50

Peru 1890, Due 5s green* 3.00 1.45
1902, 1 on 10s, No. 339* 1.25 .39
Portugal 1912, 8, 10, 15, 20c.49 .19
1912, 30c brown25 .09

Portugal 1912, 50c orange60 .29
1912, 1c green10 .04
Lorenzo Marque 1915, No. 138* 2.75
1915, No. 139* 3.50

Macau 1910, No. 14275
1910, No. 14375
Macau 1911, No. 158*17
1913, 1a, No. 20620

Mozambique Co. '98, 150, 200r.95
Nos. 28, 31* 2.50
'98, 300r, No. 29* 1.75
Jub. '03, 40b gr. No. 160 .35
Jub. '03, 50b or No. 161 .50

Roumania Jub. '03, Nos. 162-6 3.40 1.75
Jub. '03, 5l, No. 168 1.50 .72
Roumania Charity, Nos. 351-35435
Charity, Nos. 355-35860 .30

Roumania Charity, Nos. 359-36235
Jub. '06, 25b, No. 181a .15 .06
Russia 1913, Romanoff, 2r red brown, fine 2.50 .88

RARE SALVADOR.

The biggest collections are usually shy some of these stamps.
1897, 15c on 24c* violet \$2.00 \$.73
1905, 1c green, No. 290* rare 1.10
1c green, No. 326* rare 3.00 .88
1896, No. 708, or 710* 1.25

Bargain Lists

For some 10 years we have issued special lists of bargains, new purchases, offers, etc., about once a month. These lists have probably had the biggest circulation of any stamp advertising matter in the World, and are sent free to any live collector who will ask for them. Our list No. 78 is now ready, offering hundreds of good U. S. and foreign.

Let us call your attention to the desirable high values, hard-to-get stamps, etc., offered below. Stamps few dealers can offer and which we have selected for this adv. because they are usually missing and a "good buy". We guarantee satisfaction or your money back. Orders under 50c postage extra.

1897, 5c orange, No. 774, rare 1.90
1c vermilion, No. 789, rare 2.00
1c vermilion, No. 788, rare 1.50
1c blue, No. 72560
2c green, No. 772 1.95
3c, No. 878*95
13c red, No. 791 rare 2.75

1899, 1p-2sh 6p good set cheap 1.88 .88

Samoa 1905, 3d grn. & blk.85 .32
1905, 5d violet & blk.75 .35
1905, 1 tical25 .10
1908, 4 on 5a15 .07

Venezuela '93, 10b vio. No. 116p.c.60 .23
'93, 20b br. No. 117 p.c. 1.25 .60
1900, 10b red, No. 150 3.00 1.25
1900, 3b brn. No. 149* .75 .28

Venezuela 1903, 10c, No. 188* 3.50
1903, 50c red, No. 184* 2.00 .68
1903, 50c red, No. 191* 1.00 .45
1905, No. 245-247*65 .27

Cuba 1898, 4m brown*35 .15
1905, 50c gray and black* 1.25 .45
1902, 1 on 3c15 .05
1910, 50c violet and black*55 .25

Cuba 1910, 1p slate and black75 .37
1911, 1p black (rare) 1.50 .85
1914, 8c green08 .03
1914, 1p slate60 .28

Philippines 1906, 6, 8, 10, 16, 20c 1.17
1909, 12, 16, 20, 30c 1.05 .50
1911, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 30c36 .15
1897, 40c violet*60 .23

Philippines 1896, 40c salmon*60 .27
'99, Due 2c claret*60 .26

BRITISH COLONIES.

Canada 1897, Jub. 5c blue*25 .11
1897, Jub. 6c brown* 1.00 .50
1897, Jub. 8c violet*50 .22
1897, Jub. 8c violet30 .14

Newf'd 1863, 1sh rose* 1.50 .72
1867, 1c brown lilac 2.50 1.20
1887, 3c brown18 .06
1890, 5c bright blue25 .12

Newf'd 1897, Cabot 4c green15 .07
1897, Cabot 10c brown15 .07
1897, 2c orange15 .07
1910, 5c blue, Guy15 .05

Newf'd 1911, 6c violet50 .23
'96, 1, 1, 2, 3c, 3c* 3.35 1.35
1915, 1sh green10 .05

Australia 1915, 5sh yellow & black55 .25
'90, 1, 1, 4, 8a, 1r*71 .33
'90, 2r brick red*75 .37

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Oct. 17, 1916.

The 366th (regular) meeting of the Society was held this evening. After the regular routine business the members present elected to membership Messrs. F. D. Pollard, Jr., H. Steele and S. E. Cassino, their numbers being 621, 622 and 623 respectively. The treasurer reports a number of members who are behind in paying their dues. This should not be a fact at this time of year and the continual sending out of notices by the treasurer makes his office in the Society a burden. As he serves us without any compensation it is not right for him to be forced to devote so much of his time in the collection of dues which should be paid the first of the year. The entertainment consisted of an auction conducted by our auction manager, assisted by various members upon whom he called from time to time without any previous warning. The meeting adjourned at 10.20 p. m.

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Jamaica, 3p green war stamp, mint, .02
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* Middle Congo, Red Cross, .06
KAY, 122 E. Washington Lane, Germantown, Pa. *

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1895, 10c green, perf. 12x14, .02
1901, 50c orange, .50
1901, 5c on \$5, .20
1901, 10c on 50c, gothic 1901, .08
1901, 10c on 50c, serif 1901, .08
1901, 10c on \$10, gothic 1901, .15
1901, 10c on \$10, serif 1901, .15
1901, 10c on \$25, .80
1903, 1c green, .02
1903, 5c gray-lilac, .04
1903, 10c black, .06
1913, 1c green, .02
1913, 5c lilac, .03
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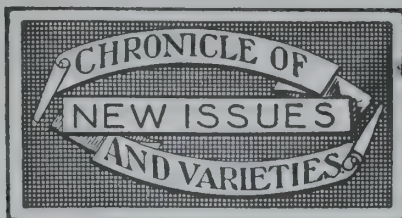
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UNITED STATES.—W. A. Cullers submits specimens of the 2c green envelopes of 1887, with the following freak varieties:

a. "TED" in "United" and upper half of "G" in "Postage" missing.
b. "L" instead of "E" at end of "Postage".

c. "A" in "Postage" missing.
d. Bottom of outer oval line broken.
e. Same with a colorless bar across the figure "2".

f. Part of "G" of "Postage" missing.
Mr. Cullers also shows a cancellation used at Weaver, Kansas, in 1894, giving the name of the postmaster.

We are indebted to C. Edward Wright, J. M. Bartels and W. R. McCoy for additional information in regard to the appearance of stamps on unwatermarked paper. The 1c and 2c have already been chronicled and we now have the 4c, 6c and 7c to add. Mr. Wright gives us the dates of issue as follows:—
2c Sept. 25; 1c Sept. 27; 4c Oct. 7; 6c and 7c, Oct. 10.

The Rev. S. H. Oiling reports having received in the mail one of the new 2c envelopes, with the "C" missing from "Cents."

Charles S. Thompson reports a New Issue (1916) of N. Y. Stock Tax Stamps. These appeared some time ago, probably about July 1. There are two sizes, one for the small values, 29½ x 22½ mm., the other, for the dollar values, 35½ x 25½ mm. The design, which is strikingly handsome, consists of a central circular medallion, bearing the arms of the state of New York, surmounted by a scroll bearing "STATE OF NEW YORK" in colorless Roman capitals. On each side of the medallion is a shield-shaped tablet, bearing the figure of value. Below medallion is the value, either dollars or cents, as the case may be, in solid Roman capitals. Below the value, in a lined tablet, is the inscription, "STOCK TRANSFER TAX" in colorless Roman Caps. Whole design surrounded by a heavy, single-lined frame, within which is a shaded frame. The figure of value is surcharged five times on each stamp, in unmoderated aniline, which in all cases but one is acid fuchsine. In the Dollar stamp it appears to be a mixture of malachite green and methyl blue. In addition to the aniline surcharges, the stamps have gum-varnish lines on the face, in order to make the aniline run easily.

State Revenues.

2c deep brown.
4c orange.
10c olive.
20c black.
50c yellow.
\$1 carmine.
\$2 violet.
\$10 blue.
\$20 green.

ANTIGUA.—J. A. Galbraith has shown us the war stamp issued for this island, the ½d Arms type having been overprinted in black "War Stamp" in one line of medium condensed Gothic capital letters.

ARABIA.—Ewen's Weekly notes that the Shereefian Government will shortly issue postage stamps of the values of ½ and 1 piastre.

BAHAMAS.—Martin W. Hoose thus relates his experience in getting a used copy of the 5d Bahamas Special Delivery stamp recently chronicled:

"Noticing that no copies of the 5d Queen's Staircase Special Delivery stamp of the Bahamas could be pur-

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chased of the Postmaster at Ottawa, I tried the following plan. I wrote a letter to the Postmaster at Nassau, Bahamas, enclosed 10c, and directed him to return the envelope to me by registered mail. I enclosed this envelope in another letter addressed to the Postmaster at Ottawa, Canada, requesting him to put a Special Delivery stamp on the Bahamas letter and forward it. Both Postmasters complied with my request and I secured the stamp in this way. On a second trial with two envelopes enclosed, my money was promptly returned with the information that no more communications could be forwarded in that manner."

CHILE.—W. F. Gregory also sends us the new 20c lithographed stamp.

CANAL ZONE AUCTION PRICES.

Thorne Sale, February, 1907.

The sale of the Wm. Thorne collection of Canal Zone took place Feb. 14, 1907, and we are indebted to J. C. Morgenstau & Co., who conducted the sale, for these pricings. It must be taken into consideration that years have passed by and these stamps would naturally bring higher prices if offered for sale today. References are to Toppan's "Stamps of the Canal Zone" and Bartels' "Check List of Canal Zone Stamps." Numbers following color description in parentheses are Scott's.

CANAL ZONE ON PANAMA, JUNE 24, 1904.

2c rose (1), block of 4 from upper left corner of sheet. This block contains the variety Panama reading up and down, large Panama and stamp with inverted N. (Bartels 1, 1d, 1f.) The block is slightly stained in lower margin. \$36.00

2c rose, block of 4, Panama reading up, two of the stamps large Panama (Bartels 1, 1f.) \$21.50

2c rose, block of 4 from center of sheet, two of the stamps having Panama reading up, two down. Canal Zone is inverted on all 4 of the stamps one of them having double surcharge both inverted. See Toppan p. 6 and 7 (Bartels 1a, 1aa, 1cc). A very rare block. \$245.00

2c rose, block of 4, Panama reading down, one of the stamps with accent on final A. The Canal Zone surcharge inverted on all 4 stamps. An exceedingly scarce block and of the combination of Panama with accent and Canal Zone inverted, there can only be two in existence. (Bartels 1aa and haa). \$101.00

2c rose, strip of three, the Panama surcharge inverted. The strip is from the bottom row and contains the stamp having Panama reading up and down. The two other stamps are Bartels 1c and 1e, used June 30, 1904, unique. (Not listed by Toppan or Bartels.) \$31.00

5c blue (2), block of 4. \$10.25

5c blue, block of 4; one stamp containing the variety Panama 2 mm. from bar. Not listed by Toppan or Bartels. \$10.50

5c blue, inverted surcharge (2a), pair, used on entire cover. \$21.00

10c yellow (3), used; block of 4 from lower right corner of sheet, containing variety inverted V for A. Not listed by Toppan or Bartels. \$15.25

10c yellow, inverted surcharge (3a) used on entire envelope. \$13.50

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Advertising Chat

If you please, our Season Opener!

As you look through this number you will be impressed with the fact that the stamp trade is putting its best foot forward and the extensive advertising patronage gives promise of great activity all through the coming season.

We should like to comment upon the individual offerings herein presented, but that is impossible. A number of dealers are with us for the first time and the wide range of offerings presented will be examined with interest.

First and foremost the page advertisement of W. C. Phillips & Co. stands out prominently. This firm has always been a large user of WEEKLY space and Mr. Phillips promises that this season will be no exception. He informs us that this is only the beginning of an extensive advertising campaign.

The Independent Stamp Co., with its range of imperforates in U. S. stamps and other specialties, is a Chicago firm whose patronage of the WEEKLY extends back over a number of years. We welcome the return of this firm to our columns. Note also the return of Francis Oakes of the same city.

Philadelphia, a city which has shown considerable stamp trade activity, is represented in our columns this week by another firm, the Belmont Stamp Co. The name of the manager would be very familiar to Philadelphia collectors and it will be easy to renew acquaintanceship by calling at 32 S. 17th St., where the firm is located. The Company comes well recommended and will have a regular advertisement in our columns.

Do you want to get the new 1917 Scott catalog as a present? If so, look up the advertisement of H. Raymond Stiles and note his offer. It is worth considering.

Still another Philadelphia firm claims space in our columns, this time the Keystone Stamp & Coin Co., with Herbert von Seggern proprietor. With the advent of this firm regular weekly space will be used and the very creditable representation of Philadelphia dealers will be further strengthened.

Attention will certainly be drawn to the advertisement of Frank Godden of London, England, in which announcement is made of the publication of a new work on United States stamps. That this book should be issued in England is strong evidence of the interest our stamps have for English philatelists. The prospectus indicates a most pretentious book and many American collectors will undoubtedly order it. We shall ourselves await with a good deal of anticipation the promised feast of good things.

There comes this week the unexpected announcement of a new book by Mr. Poole. It will be a check list of the "Revolutionary Stamps of Mexico." Mr. Poole is in on the ground floor with his check list and there will no doubt be a good demand for it.

After taking an extended vacation, Charles S. Osgood of Salem is again represented by an advertisement, his Seychelles offers showing up in good shape.

No. 3 of Linn's "Stamp Collector" is at hand. It is an eight-page paper and well worth perusal. The price is 25c per year and a sample copy can be obtained from the Linn Co.

Some time ago we announced the marriage of the Marcus Brothers of Menlo Park, Cal. The marriage of the two brothers separated them from the stamp collection which had been their mutual pleasure and it fell to the lot of H. W. Doscher & Co. to acquire it. Mr. Doscher says that this is the best lot of stamps placed on the San Francisco market for many years, excluding the Crocker collection.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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5c blue (6), entire sheet 100, plate 1888. \$15.00
8c puce (7), sheet 100, plate 1498. \$23.00
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CANAL ZONE ON PANAMA STAMPS, DEC. 1894.

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1, 2, 5, 10c, block of 4, each with spaced A L. In the case of 5 and 10c this stamp also contains variety narrow M in Panama (Bartels 9a, 10a, 11a, 20a; Scott 9a, 10a, 11a, 12a). \$7.25
1, 2, 5c, block of 4, containing No. 1 broken CA and L. Also 1, 2, 5, 10c. Block of 4 of each containing No. 4 broken L. (Bartels 9b, 10b, 11b, 20b, 9aa, 10aa, 11aa). \$4.25
1c green, First Printing (9), entire

sheet of 100 (Toppan p. 10), in addition to varieties mentioned No. 98 has broken E (Bartels variety 9b on both Nos. 3 and 4). \$10.50

1c green (9), printing between Toppan's First and Second; block of 6, one stamp (87), has letters O N of Zone dropped (Bartels 9dd). \$5.25

1c green, block of 4, with E badly broken. Not noted by Toppan or Bartels. \$1.10

1c green, Second Printing, block of 4 containing number 48 in sheet, wrong font Zone. (Bartels 9c, Toppan p. 11, g.) \$2.10

1c green, inverted surcharge, very fine used copy. We do not know to which printing this great rarity belongs; probably the second. Only two other copies known. Bartels 9f. \$150.00

1c green, Third Printing, sheet of 100 containing both wrong font Zone (48) and Canal (26), in addition to the varieties of the second printing. (See Toppan p. 11, h, Bartels 9c, 9d). \$25.00

2c rose (10), complete sheet of 100 printing between Toppan's First and Second as it has all the varieties of the first and in addition number 87 has the letters O N dropped. (Bartels 10dd). \$13.00

5c blue (11), First Printing, sheet of 100 (Toppan p. 13; but the lower row has no errors). This sheet contains Bartels varieties 11, 11a, 11b, on Nos. 3 and 4, 11i, 11aa, 11bb. \$16.00

5c blue, block of 4; one stamp ANAMA (11b), Bartels 11d. \$2.10

5c blue, Third Printing, block of 4, containing stamp with inverted M and the stamp with longer Panama. (Bartels 13c, 13d). \$5.50

5c blue, vertical pair, one bar at bottom, the other no bar. We believe this belongs to Bartels' Fourth Printing, number 14. \$17.00

5c blue, Bartels Fifth Printing. Entire sheet PAMANA (54 and 59), wrong font Canal (26), wrong font Zone (48), Z (32), L (42), N (65), broken E on 33 not replaced. (Bartels 15a, b, c, d, e, f). \$15.50

5c blue, Fifth Printing, shifted surcharge so that two stamps have Panama only once, two have Panama close together. A variety of Bartels 15. \$1.10

5c blue, block of 4, shifted surcharge, the words Panama together at right. One stamp wrong font Zone, one stamp has a clear and distinct period after Canal. The block belongs to Bartels' Fifth Printing. \$7.00

5c blue, Fifth Printing, Canal Zone double. A block of 4 of this great rarity. According to Dr. Perry only 50 stamps received the double surcharge, and many of these were used on letters to Jamaica. (Toppan p. 14 where the stamp is wrongly put under First Printing. See Bartels' 15 g.) \$46.00

5c blue, Sixth Printing, entire sheet containing all the varieties of the Fifth Printing, and in addition stamp No. 42 is wrong font L; 45 is wrong font Z. (See Bartels' No. 16 & varieties.) \$8.25

8 on 50c, First Printing, entire sheet of 100 with all the varieties (Bartels' 17a, b, c, d, aa, bb, ee). Entire sheets of this printing are rare. \$38.00

8 on 50c, bar at bottom, a variety of first printing, block of 4 (See Toppan p. 22; not in Bartels). \$8.25

8 on 50c, First Printing, block of 4; two stamps with bar at bottom; two without bar. The block contains both varieties of 8. Very rare. (Toppan p. 22a. Not in Bartels). \$45.50

8 on 50c, Third Printing (Toppan p. 21; Bartels 17) sheet. This setting contains all the varieties of Panama and 8 of the first printing, and Bartels' 17cc and dd and also broken L (42), broken N (65). A block of 4 containing Nos. 38, 39, 48, 49 is missing from the sheet. \$11.25

8c Third Printing, block of 4 containing No. 48, wrong font Zone. Completes sheet in previous lot. (See Toppan p. 21, Bartels 17e). \$10.00

8c, Third Printing, block of 8 including stamp No. 32, broken Z and (42) broken L. (Bartels 17cc, 17dd). \$1.75

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10c yellow, Second Printing Panama and bar in brown. Block of 4 of this scarce stamp. (Bartels No. 21). \$8.25

10c yellow, Third Printing (Toppan 23), entire sheet containing two stamps with inverted M, stamp with wrong font Zone, broken letters on Nos. 32, 42, 65. This is Bartels No. 22, but Canal is not wrong font and broken N, should be added to list. A block of 6 has been taken out of sheet and replaced from another. \$15.50

10c yellow, block of 4, one stamp inverted M, one stamp Panama 16 mm. (Bartels 22d) but of different shade from sheet in previous lot. \$3.20

10c yellow, pair, one of the error PAMANA (Bartels 23e). \$3.30

10c yellow, Fourth Printing (Toppan p. 23. Bartels No. 24). Complete sheet of 100 containing all the varieties. \$14.00

FOURTH SERIES, 1905.

2c rose, vermilion surcharge, a block of 6. Surcharge was shifted so that the words Panama are both together at right, one stamp has inverted M and long Panama, one stamp wrong font Zone. (Bartels 25a, 25c, 25d). \$4.00

2c rose, carmine surcharge, block of 4, one stamp inverted M, one stamp long Panama, (Bartels 26c, 26d, Scott's No. 26). \$4.00

8c on 50, Toppan, p. 27, Bartels No. 27, Scott No. 26, Sheet containing all the varieties and in addition broken N (No. 65), a block of 4 containing Nos. 37, 38, 47, 48, has been taken from sheet. \$19.50

8 on 50c, block of 4 containing wrong font Zone. (Bartels 27a and stamp with accent on Panama 27e). This block completes sheet in previous lot. \$3.10

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1c on 20c violet, First Printing (Scott No. 22. Bartels 28), entire sheet of 100. \$2.70

1c on 20c, Second Printing, May, 1906. (Scott's No. 23. Bartels 29). Entire sheet of 100. \$4.25

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8c on 50. (Toppan p. 36. Scott's No. 27. Bartels 34). Entire sheet of 100 containing all the varieties of Canal Zone, besides varieties of Panama. \$25.50
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CHAPTER XXIII.—The Quebec Tercentenary Issue.

The year 1908 marked the three hundredth anniversary of the first permanent settlement in Canada, made by Champlain at Quebec in 1608, and plans were formed to celebrate the event in a fitting manner by means of fêtes, historical pageants, etc. In fact, the occasion was considered of such importance that the then Prince and Princess of Wales (now King George V of England and his Royal Consort) were invited to be present at the festivities, and they made a special journey in one of Britain's most formidable battleships.

Quite early it was rumoured that the Post Office Department would mark the event, as in Diamond Jubilee year, by the issue of a series of special stamps, and though in March the Hon. Rudolphe Lemieux, who was then Postmaster-General, announced that such an issue would assuredly be made, the Department exercised the greatest reticence as to what values would be included in the series, and what subjects would form the designs. Naturally the Department was inundated with all sorts of suggestions, more or less appropriate to the occasion, but, apparently, the "powers that be" had their plans already made and it was not until a few days before the stamps were ready for use that any information was made public regarding the series. The *Toronto Globe* for July 4th printed the following despatch from its Ottawa correspondent:—

Postmaster-General Lemieux has given instructions to issue a series of postage stamps commemorating the tercentenary. They are eight in number. Four of them bear portraits of persons dear to Canada, or whose names recall great events. The first represents the Prince and Princess of Wales; the second the King and Queen. Next come Cartier and Champlain, and then, in connection with the battlefields park scheme, Wolfe and Montcalm. The second part of the issue represents Cartier's arrival before Quebec. On the calm waters of the mighty St. Lawrence stand in bold

relief three ships of the discoverer of Canada, flying the fleur-de-lys.

As a sequel to the above is a very picturesque tableau. In Champlain's narrative of his third voyage to Canada is found the following passage:—

"With our canoes laden with provisions, our arms and some merchandise to be given as presents to the Indians, I started on Monday, May 27, from the isle of Sainte Helaine, accompanied by four Frenchmen and one Indian. A salute was given in my honour from some small pieces of artillery."

The artist, under the inspiration of these few lines, has depicted Champlain's departure for the west. There stand two canoes. In one Champlain's companions have already taken their places, paddle in hand, whilst the great explorer is still on shore, bidding good-bye to a few friends. The picture is full of life. The legend underneath reads as follows: "Partement de Champlain pour L'ouest." The word "partement", now obsolete, is the one used by Champlain for the modern one "depart".

The same note of old France is used in connection with a view of the first house in Quebec, indeed in Canada, Champlain's habitation, which is called in his narrative "l'habitation de Québec". This stamp is a clear reproduction of a cut from Champlain's work. Quebec as it was in 1700 is the next view, copied from Bacqueville de la Potherie's "Histoire de la Nouvelle France". It is a quaint picture of the old city, showing steeples here and there, the fort on the river front and in faint lines the Laurentide Mountains in the background.

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- Half-cent, grey, picture of the Prince and Princess of Wales.
- One-cent, green, portraits of Champlain and Cartier.
- Two-cent, red, King Edward and Queen Alexandria.
- Five-cent, blue, representation of L'Habitation de Quebec.
- Seven-cent, yellow, pictures of Montcalm and Wolfe.
- Ten-cent, mauve, picture of Quebec in 1700.
- Fifteen-cent, orange, picture of the Parliament of the West in the old regime.
- Twenty-cent, green, picture of a courier du sois with Indians.

The stamps were placed on sale on July 16th and, as will be noted from our illustrations, they are as described above except that the 15c does not have Champlain's name on it as stated in the first quotation, and that the 15c and 20c are incorrectly described in the second despatch. The stamps are of similar shape to the special series issued in Diamond Jubilee year though they are a trifle larger—1 mm. taller and nearly 3 mm. longer. The Postmaster-General's Report for 1909 referred to this issue as follows:—

To meet what appeared to be a general wish a special series of postage stamps, which has come to be known as the Tercentenary Series, was introduced as a feature of the celebration in July, 1908, of the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of Quebec by Champlain. The first supply of these stamps was sent out to Postmasters about the middle of that month, and was on sale to the public by the time His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, reached Quebec for the celebration. The demand for the new stamps was extraordinary, and for the better part of a month was steadily kept up. The interest taken in them was, in no small measure, due to the historic associations with which in design they were so happily linked, the subjects depicted in the several denominations of the series being in variety and appropriateness admirably adapted to the end in view,—popular recognition of an epoch-making event.

Except as regards the Postal Union denominations of 1c, 2c and 5c the colors chosen for the stamps of this series do not correspond with those of the regular set. The stamps were produced by the line-engraved process, which has long been the standard

method of production for Canada's stamps, and as usual they were issued in sheets of one hundred in ten rows of ten. It seems probable that the plates for the 2c, and possibly for the 1c also, consisted of two panes of 100 stamps each placed one above the other. This seems to be proved from the fact that, whereas on most sheets the imprint "OTTAWA" followed by the plate number, appears in the centre of the top margin, sheets of the 2c are known with the imprint in the centre of the bottom margin, and in the case of plates 3 and 4 both imprint and number are inverted. The inversion on these particular plates was, probably, purely accidental. But though these large plates were used the stamps were always issued in the usual sheet size of 100. The following plates are known to have been used:—

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- 5c dark blue, Nos. 1, 2.
- 7c olive-green, No. 1.
- 10c dark violet, No. 1.
- 15c red-orange, No. 1.
- 20c yellow brown, No. 1.

The stamps were all printed on the usual white wove paper and were perforated 12, though specimens of the 2c are known entirely imperforate. Fairly well marked shades may be found in connection with the 1c and 2c denominations but the other values show but very slight differences.

The royal portraits on the 1/2c and 2c



values call for little comment, though it is interesting to note that the portrait of the Princess of Wales (now Queen Mary) is exactly similar to that shown on the 4c stamp of Newfoundland which was first issued in 1901. The picture of the Prince of Wales (now His Majesty King George V) was from a photograph by W. & D. Downey, of London, taken just prior to his journey to India in 1906.

(To be continued.)

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(From Oct. 25 Buffalo papers.)

George H. Worthington of Cleveland related in equity term of supreme court before Justice Bissell yesterday a series of misfortunes which forced him to mortgage to Mrs. Alice F. Halliday of No. 496 Delaware avenue a collection of stamps worth about \$1,000,000, in May, 1912.

He said he had invested heavily in several railroad stocks. Several banks in Cleveland, he declared, held his notes and began to press for collateral security. He declared he remembered Mrs. Halliday had about \$300,000 worth of stock in the American Chiclé Company.

He said he went to her and proposed to give her a mortgage on the stamp collection for the stock. To this, he said, she agreed. In 1915, he asserted, he became insolvent and his affairs were placed in the hands of a commission.

Alvin Good of Cleveland, who said he had been in the employ of Mr. Worthington since 1902, was a witness. He said Mr. Worthington has expended between \$50,000 and \$60,000 a year in the purchase of stamps. The collection, he said, was worth about \$800,000 in June, 1914. It is said to be worth more than \$1,000,000 now.

Although the attorney for the plaintiff made a motion before Justice Bissell to have the case tried in "some hotel or other place," so as to avoid publicity, or else to exclude newspapermen from the court room, Justice Bissell ruled the court room at City hall was "a good place to try it," and the doors were not locked.

Mrs. Halliday, who is suing the commission for the value of the loaned stocks, was taken sick in the court room and was sent to her home in Delaware avenue. It was said she recovered in a short time.

Worthington claims the mortgage given Mrs. Halliday was never registered and for that reason it cannot be made the basis of claim.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Saturday evening, October 21, at 40 Packard Ave., West Somerville, Mass., the Somerville Stamp Society was organized. P. C. Smith was elected temporary chairman and T. F. Emerson temporary secretary. About ten persons interested in philately were present.

—Ludwin L. Simon sends us a clipping from a German newspaper, the gist of which is that in printing the Austrian war stamps an interesting variety has been found. The stamp in question is Scott's No. 404, 5h plus 2h. A tiny particle of foreign matter evidently fell

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—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from W. J. Cowdrey, Charles H. Hermann (6), Paul Dillingham, Roscoe B. Martin, H. E. Klotzbach (2) and W. G. Swart.

—Ross O'Shaughnessy, 636 Market St., San Fran., Cal., would like information in regard to Rev. R. R. Thiele of Ismay, Mont. Interested parties will do well to write Mr. O'Shaughnessy.

—"I note in the October 14 issue an editorial about a postmark 'Texas City, Tex., July 20—4 P. M.—Military Sta.' I am rather familiar with this cancellation and have seen a couple of them. Texas City is just across the bay from Galveston on the mainland and has stationed there several companies of regular troops. I understand that since the flood at Galveston last year all troops from Ft. Crockett in Galveston were transferred to Texas City. This accounts for this postmark, there being a sub-station at the post. There is also a postmark used in San Antonio at the army post: 'Fort Sam Houston, Texas.'"
—HERMANN C. NASCHKE.

—A prodigal has returned. After many weeks the Manhattan Stamp Co. is again represented in our columns. We are so well acquainted with Mr. Miller, the manager, that we thoroughly understand how much he dislikes to write adv. copy. He says he is a "failure", but the adv. he runs this week should win business. We have been in the store of the Manhattan Co. a number of times, and can vouch for the truth of any statement that the firm may make in relation to the wide range of their stock.

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EDITORIAL.

Out—The new edition of the Scott Company catalogue has been distributed and so far as general appearance is concerned, it is most sightly. From all indications the catalogue deserves more consideration than ever and the receipt of it comparatively early in the season removes any check to philatelic enthusiasm that undue delay in its issue imposes. The advance in the price of the book is justified and we doubt whether there will be complaint on the score of the increased charge. The added price of paper alone gives warrant to the publisher to revise his prices upward.

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Wrong—We have heard that collectors in some cases would not buy the catalogue because they preferred to spend the money asked for the book for stamps instead; and now for the first time this condition is brought home to us. A reader says: "At the time when my subscription next expires, please discontinue sending the paper, not because I do not like it but because I wish to use that money for buying stamps that I would have to pay for the subscription." The catalogue people will have to plead their own case but we may be pardoned for considering that the fifty-cent subscription to the WEEKLY as an insurance premium on a policy represented by the paper. The WEEKLY is alert to protect the interests of philately and not with that detached impersonal manner affected by some but with the individual collector in mind. We may pass over this claim to center our argument in the statement that the saving value of our news is at least fifty cents a year to the general collector.

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Hail—Hail to the Chief. We mean Carranza, ruler of Mexico's destinies, who is about to embark on his first philatelic voyage, we understand. A letter has been received asking for certain Sonora stamps which the writer was directed to secure for the stamp collection of President Carranza. The letter emanates from an official source and confides that the Chief is much interested in making his collection. We are told not to mistake this collection with the national collection which was kept up to the time of the disposal of Diaz.

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Big—A bit of a treat has been given us by a reader who shows a block of six of the two dollars wines and cordials, two horizontal rows of three stamps each and strange to relate, the condition of the block is good. The few used copies singly that we have seen were much the worse for wear as might be expected from the nature of the use of the stamps.

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Cheaper—A clipping from an Auckland, New Zealand, newspaper has been relayed to us by Mr. H. A. Bernard of Toronto: "Stamp collectors will be interested to know that the dark-coloured

1½d stamp issued since the outbreak of war has been replaced by another one of similar type. The first was printed from an engraved plate but the new die which was prepared in England is for surface printing, which is cheaper method to use for stamps where there is a big demand. It is probable that the orange-coloured 2d stamps will also be issued shortly, surface printed." The 1½ grey was issued typographed this year and it has recently been received with the "Official" overprint; and it is likely that stamp collectors in New Zealand generally were aware of the difference in printing. It is not without significance that surface printing is meeting with increased favor in stamp printing circles, particularly when emergency calls. It is true that the line-engraved stamp gives greater security against counterfeiting but the prediction may be made that on the score facility of production, primarily, the time is coming when the surface prints will be the rule.

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Postmarks—From Mr. A. H. Pike, Philadelphia, we have received an interesting letter on the subject of postmarks on United States stamps, as the following quotations from it will indicate: "There have been wonderful improvements in the cancelling of stamps, especially in the last few years. It is interesting to look over the different designs used at the same office covering a period of from twenty-five to fifty years. In most cases one can judge of the growth of the business and about what year a change was made from one class to another." Remark on the editorial in the issue of October 14th on the military postmark, Mr. Pike says: "Just at this time the military and naval postmarks should hold an unusual interest. The Official Guide for July lists 177 Military Stations and the August and September Supplements show a number of additions. Many of these markings will become obsolete when the troops are removed from the border."

CHANGE OF BUSINESS.

Just as we go to press we learn that J. E. Handshaw has purchased the business, stock and good-will of the J. W. Scott Co., 36 John St., N. Y. City, and Mr. Scott has retired from the stamp business. Mr. Handshaw will continue the business, and the merging of his stock with the Scott stock will give him a standing in the front rank of American dealers.

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THE STAMP DEALER AND HIS STOCK.

By BILL BLOSS.

CHAPTER XII.—Price List and Follow-up-Advertiser.

While space advertising in the stamp papers must form the largest part of the publicity of a dealer, in order to secure the maximum results from advertising, it is advisable to supplement it with other advertising.

The advisability of the issuance of a price-list must depend largely on the circumstances of the dealer. If his stock consists of stamps in quantities of twenty-five to a hundred or more of a kind, and attractive prices can be made, the dealer is safe in putting out a price-list. However, many young dealers have the impression that no dealer can be considered a dealer until he has issued a list, accordingly as soon as they get five or ten stamps of a kind, and a few kinds, they issue a list. Result! The sixth customer has to be advised that the stamps are out of stock. This method kills business instead of building it.

For the Dealer With Little Capital,

a very good plan is to issue a small list periodically. Same can be mimeographed or run off on a duplicating machine at a low figure and will answer the purpose of a more expensive list, which becomes useless as the stock is exhausted. If the dealer can issue a short list of this sort, including some thirty or forty items, or even fewer, at little expense for printing, he will find that it "gingers" up the trade immensely and will help to turn dead stock. A plan used by some dealers is to enclose a small sheet of this sort with every order or lot sent out. These lists are changed at weekly or bi-monthly intervals, and hence offer new bargains where a larger list could not.

In considering the subject of

Follow-up and Circular Advertising,

bear in mind that one of the first theories of advertising proves that a number of smaller attacks on the mind of the customer will bring better results than fewer larger campaigns. It is repeated efforts that bring the results, not a few mighty attempts. In carving stone, the hammer must strike many times. So must it in carving the fame of the dealer on the mind of the customer.

The House Organ

is a welcome relief from the stereotyped price list. It is a price-list in disguise, or, like the little liver pill, it has a candy coating. The reader, after he has devoured the pages of favorite fiction designed for him by the kindly dealer, is quite willing to give a few moments to the beauties of said dealer's new Animal Packet. A few of the dealers issuing house-organs induce the readers to look over the advertising by another method. They start out to knock their competitors, and soon establish a first-class mud-slinging row which interests no one. The dealer devotes a number of columns to informing Mr. Competitor indirectly and the gentle readers chiefly that he thinks Mr. C. is a long-eared cuss and follows it up with a beautiful assortment of descriptive adjectives, thrilling narrative, and subtle threats. At last, in disgust and for relief, the reader (no longer gentle) turns to the advertising to escape the morbid matter thrust upon him. The result is the same. He reads the advertisements. However, he has long since come to the conclusion that the dealer is of the *Genus Simpus* for wasting space on mudslinging and for insulting his intelligence by expecting him to read such slander. Therefore, he decides to

abandon forever his patronage with this dealer, and the next time the house-organ is received, its heating properties are quickly tested in place of its message being read. Judge for yourself whether it is best to use your house-organ to build your business or wreck your neighbor's. Consider whose business gets the worst of the deal.

Another mistake, to my mind, that many of the dealers make is in charging a subscription price for these house-organs. Collectors realize that not one in twenty-five has any literary value worth paying money for, and the fact that they are asked to part with their good coin for the sake of receiving a line of bargains entirely surrounded by "bunk", is resented by many of the very best buyers in the country. Instead of limiting your paper to a few who will pay for it, and who may never spend a cent from reading it, send it to good buyers and live prospects, regardless whether they pay the postage or you do. They spend the money, and the added circulation will pay for itself several times over in increased sales. Don't shut out your best customer because he refuses to pay your expenses on your list. If a salesman called on you, what would you do to him if he asked you to pay his carfare?

A Good Follow-up System

will do wonders in building business. Every dealer keeps, or should keep, a list of his customers, together with their wants and requirements. A 3x5 card index is the best means of handling such a list. Your stationer will give you the necessary information about filing and cross-indexing, etc.

After a customer favors you with an order, don't let him stop there. When you get his name, mail him your advertising matter, or better yet, write him a "personal" letter telling of the advantages of your service and approvals, or your capacity for filling wants, or any other good selling argument. After you have sent him this first letter, note the date of mailing on his card, together with the number of the form letter sent, or whether the letter is of the style you write first. File his card, or a record of his name and the letter, in a suspense file kept for the purpose, placing the card under the date that will bring it to your attention two weeks from the date of the first letter. If, at the end of that period, you have not received a reply from him, write him a second letter, and repeat the filing operation, noting the date of the second letter. Continue this plan until you have sent him four or five letters or even more, or are convinced that you cannot land him. Then file his card in your general file, and go after him again in a short time, repeating the operation as heretofore.

Just what success you will have in extracting further orders from your prospect depends largely upon your ability as a letter writer. I have found that the farther from a form letter the follow-up is, the better the results will be. If the customer receives a letter written to him personally, and not a mere copy of a letter which he knows every other fellow gets, he will be far more apt to respond. Therefore, it is worth the extra trouble to

Make The Letter A Personal One.

In writing these follow-ups, if you have any personal knowledge of the likes and dislikes of your client, use it. Show him that the letter is individual because it reaches his particular points. Also, do not think you can fool him by using an imitation type-written letter. The only person such a letter will fool is the

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84 Fiji 1914, 1sh green45
81 Gold Coast 1913, 3p violet, yellow.. .18
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THE 12c DOUBLE TRANSFERS ON PLATES 6900 AND 6913.

By OLAF J. OLSON.

12c. PLATE NO. 6900

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			DBLE	DBLE	DBLEX	DBLEX	TRIPLEX	TRIPLEX	DBLE
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	DBLE		DBLE	DBLEX	DBLEX	TRIPLEX	DBLE	TRIPLEX	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		DBLE	DBLE	DBLE	DBLEX	DBLE	TRIPLEX	DBLE	
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
		DBLEX	DBLEX	DBLEX	DBLEX	TRIPLEX	TRIPLEX		
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
		DBLEX	DBLEX	DBLEX	DBLEX	DBLEX	TRIPLEX	DBLE	
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
		DBLE		DBLE	DBLEX	DBLEX	DBLEX	DBLE	
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
					DBLEX	DBLEX	DBLEX	DBLE	
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
						DBLE	DBLE	DBLEX	DBLE
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
		DBLEX			DBLEX	DBLEX	TRIPLEX	DBLE	
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

LOWER LEFT PANE 6900

* Indicates double line showing in coat or bust, as well as line below bust.

(We are privileged to present this week a fine study of the 12c double transfers as found on the lower left panes of plates Nos. 6900 and 6913. When the Managing Editor visited St. Paul this last summer, he met Mr. Olson and found him much interested in these plates. He was glad to act upon the suggestion to convey to our readers the information he had gleaned and we quote from a personal letter which the Managing Editor has just received. Mr. Olson has rendered a distinct service to philately, which will be all the more appreciated as the years pass by.—Ed.)

I have not seen any but the lower left panes of 6900 and 6913 so that these two panes are all that I can describe on the 12c transfers. You will notice that the big percentage of the stamps in the whole pane are either double or triple.

I have examined quite a number of these sheets and will say that only the very clearly printed sheets show all these. On some of the chestnut colored printings it is hard to discern any but

the strongest shifts. The dark plum color shows up the shift at its best.

In plate No. 6900 the shift is most prominent on the four right vertical rows, and it is here that nearly all the triple shifts show. On many of the stamps only the line below the bust shows. But there are a good many that the lines show double in the coat.

I have looked very carefully for the triple lines in the bust or coat, but I don't believe there are any triple lines showing in these two panes, except at the bottom of the bust. There may be such on other panes of these plates, but as I have not been able to see these, I can't say.

Stamp No. eleven in No. 6913 shows some very peculiar lines. I had to see several sheets of these before I could believe that the lines as they show on this stamp, were not the result of acci-

12c. PLATE NO. 6913

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	TRIPLEX	TRIPLEX	DBLE	DBLE	DBLEX	DBLE			DBLE
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	DBLE	DBLE	DBLE	DBLE	TRIPLEX	DBLE	DBLE		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	DBLEX			DBLE	DBLE	TRIPLEX	DBLE		
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
		TRIPLEX	DBLE	DBLE	DBLEX	DBLE			
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
		DBLE	DBLE	DBLE	DBLE	DBLE	DBLE	DBLE	
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
			DBLE	DBLE	DBLE	DBLE		DBLE	DBLE
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
			DBLE	DBLE	DBLEX	DBLE			
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
			DBLE	DBLE	DBLEX	DBLE			DBLE
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
			DBLE	DBLE	TRIPLEX	TRIPLEX		DBLE	
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

LOWER LEFT PANE 6913

● Indicates lines showing in left side of white oval surrounding head.

dent before the ink was thoroughly dry.

Instead of the shift being downward, as it is in all the other stamps, it shows also a shift toward the left. These lines are most prominent in the bust, but they also show quite prominently in the white oval to the left.

I do not know enough about the process of transferring and rocking from the original die to say how this occurred, but it would be interesting to learn from someone who is familiar with the process as to how this happened.

As to the color and shades of the 12c stamps perf. 10, there are at least three distinct colors and many shades besides those showing the aniline red through the back of the stamp.

Of all the present issue the 12c seem to be the poorest perforated. It is a rare thing to be able to select a block of four that are well centered.

This Week's Offers

	Cat. price	My price
*155 U. S. 90c carmine	\$15.00 \$6.00
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and Proprietary stamps obsolete. The Wines and Cordials issue still continue in force as this section of old bill has been retained under modifications noted below. A new set of Wines and Cordials stamps is in the course of preparation which will be issued about Jan. 1st, 1917. The only emergency taxes retained by the new law are those of Sections 3 and 4 of law of 1914 and those that apply to tobacco in its various forms and special taxes on theatres. These run to 1917 when the new taxes in the new law will take effect. The new taxes which go into effect on Jan. 1 next cover a wide range: Circuses will pay \$100, Theatres will pay from \$25 to \$100, according to capacity. Public exhibitions, not especially named in act, if conducted for profit will pay a tax of \$10. Bowling alleys and billiard rooms pay \$5 for each alley or table. Special taxes are imposed on manufactures of tobacco and cigars. These range from \$3 for sales amounting to 50,000 pounds, up to \$12 for sales of 100,000 pounds.

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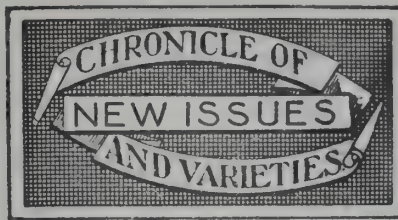
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No. 42, 50h dull violet, .04
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The following new envelope has been reported by J. M. Bartels:

Issue 1916.
Denom. Die. Size. Paper Wmk. Knife
2c A 8 White 19 91

CHINA.—Scott's Circular has the following explaining the Chinese stamps overprinted for the province of Sinkiang or Chinese Turkestan:

"The currency of China is based on the price of silver and as the value of silver is constantly changing, when compared with that of countries based on a gold currency, so does the currency of China. Again many of the provinces of China mint their own coins, and as the amount of silver in these coins varies both in quantity and degree of fineness so does the currency of those provinces vary in value amongst themselves. For some time the currency of the province of Sinkiang has been at a very low ebb, 100 silver Shanghai Dollars being able to purchase 140 Sinkiang silver dollars more or less. It was therefore possible for astute money dealers (and we can apply that appellation to almost all Chinese) to send 100 Shanghai dollars to Sinkiang, exchange them for Sinkiang dollars and purchase 140 dollars worth of Chinese stamps, which could be brought to Shanghai and retailed again at face value, netting the dealer nearly 40 dollars profit on every 100. To remedy this, the Chinese postal authorities have surcharged the stamps (the present 'Junk' issue up to \$1.00) with five Chinese characters. This surcharge is on all stamps sold in this particular province; stamps so marked are good for payment of postage in the province of Sinkiang only to anywhere, but cannot be used as postage from any other province. These stamps are rather difficult to get hold of; the face value of a complete set is somewhere about \$2.50; local dealers have been offering one or two sets as \$4.50 used."

MEXICO.—Hermann Focke submits several new things from below the line, including the 5c on 1c of 1910, surcharge vertical in brown, reading up at left, issued at Tonala, Chiapas; the same surcharge horizontal on stamps previously overprinted "Gobierno Constitucionalista" in black reading up; and a strip of five of the new 1c engraved stamp, perforated horizontally through the center. Mr. Focke says: "I see that the new Scott catalogue mentions a provisional 60c on 2c green 1910 which has never come in our mail; the fact that the surcharge is said to exist in three different colors looks suspicious."

MONTERRAT.—J. A. Galbraith has shown us the new set announced some time since. They are of handsome appearance, resembling the Barbados set of 1912, with the portrait of the King in the upper left corner, the arms of the Colony in the lower right, with the value conveniently arranged. The lower values are in a single color on white paper. They were placed on sale October 2.

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3d green.
1d scarlet.
2d gray.
23d ultramarine.
3d violet on yellow.
6d dull violet and red violet.
1sh black on green.
2sh violet and ultramarine on blue.
1sh 6d black and red on blue.
5sh green and red on yellow.

NEW ZEALAND.—H. Clay Fox, Jr., has received from a correspondent in New Zealand, a copy of the 1/2d George, printed on both sides. His correspondent says: "This is absolutely a genuine stamp as I managed to get 10 of them from a Post Office. I asked the Postmaster about them and he told me that they had been through the rollers twice. There were about 30 stamps printed thus and one row with it printed only on half of the gummed side."

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By RODERICK ENFIELD.

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Here is the list of these "proofs":
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G P de M on \$ surcharge, 10c green surch., 15c red surch., 20c red surch.
 G P de M on small G C M, 15c red surch., 20c red surch.

60c on 2c, 1910, brown surch. and blue surch. (only red surch. having been issued).

5 pesos, P. O. Bldg., with center in black instead of blue.

Same, with frame in olive instead of carmine.

Same, in correct colors but double impression (frame or center?).

Carranza commemorative, in all colors except blue and brown.

All the above are *trial colors or proofs*, not intended to be sold to the Mex. public at face value to be used for postage, admitted by the Mexicans to have "no official character."

The same paper publishes a personal letter from J. J. Favela, Pres. of the Bolsa Filatelica de Mexico, in which he admits that certain stamps "were privately bought up by Mr. Hinojosa" (the postmaster general of Mexico) and are now "completely cornered" (acaparado por completo) by said Favela, who is

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1861	15kr blue	18	.03
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1863	10kr blue	22	.06
1863	15kr yellow brown	23	.06
1864	2kr yellow	24	.15
1864	3kr green	25	.08
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1867	15kr brown	33	.03
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1877	50kr light brown, unused	40	.65
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1890	2gld carmine	63	.30
1891	50kr violet	67	.03
1896	1gld lilac	68	.03
1896	2gld gray green	69	.25
1900	40h green	79	.02
1900	2k gray lilac	83	.02
1900	4k gray green	84	.10
1900	5k bistre and violet	125	.07
1910	5h green, used or unused	130	.04
1910	10h rose, used or unused	132	.06
1910	12h scarlet, unused	133	.18
1910	20h chocolate, used or un'd	134	.10
1910	25h blue, unused	135	.10
1910	25h blue, used	135	.06
1910	30h olive green, unused	136	.18
1910	35h slate, unused	137	.18
1910	50h green, used or un'd	138	.22
1910	60h deep carm., used or un'd	139	.25
1910	1k purple, used or unused	140	.40
1913	72h dark brown	144	.05
1858	6kr blue	201	.40
1858	1kr lilac	205	2.50
1858	1kr lilac	208	1.25
1863	1kr lilac	210	.03
1863	2kr green	303	.35
1914	7h green	401	.03
1914	12h rose	402	.04
1915	4h violet brown	403	.02
1915	7h green	404	.03
1915	12h rose	405	.03
1915	23h blue	406	.07
1915	35h ultramarine	407	.12
1915	403 to 407, set unused	408	.25
1915	K. U. K. Feldpost 1h olive green, unused	451	.03
	2h blue, unused	452	.03
	3h claret, unused	453	.04
	5h gray, unused	454	.05
	6h gray, unused	455	.07
	10h rose, unused	456	.06
	12h olive green, unused	457	.10
	20h orange brown, un'd	458	.12
	25h ultramarine, unused	459	.12
	30h orange-red, unused	460	.15
	35h myrtle green, unused	461	.18
	40h violet, unused	462	.20
	45h olive brown, unused	463	.25
	50h slate blue, unused	464	.25
	60h violet, unused	465	.30
	72h dark violet, unused	466	.35
	Complete set as above, Nos. 451-67, un'd	467	2.50

POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

1893	1kr brown	No. 525	\$.03
1893	2kr brown	526	.02
1893	3kr brown	527	.02
1893	5kr brown	528	.02
1893	6kr brown	529	.06
1893	7kr brown	530	.08
1893	10kr brown	531	.05
1893	20kr brown	532	.08
1893	50kr brown	533	.30
1908	1h carm., on chalky paper	538	.02
1908	2h carm., on chalky paper	539	.02
1908	4h carm., on chalky paper	560	.02
1908	6h carm., on chalky paper	561	.02
1908	14h carm., on chalky paper	562a	.04
1908	25h carm., on chalky paper	564	.03
1911	5kr violet	568	.18
1911	10kr violet	569	.20

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asking "fancy prices for them" (precios elevadissimos). If they were "privately bought up" by the P. M. G., it follows as a matter of course that they were not placed on sale to the Mexican public for use as postage stamps, and the best that can be said about them is that they were prepared for use but not issued.

There is no list of these in the Mexican paper, for they are there listed as regular issues, but it is not difficult to make up a list of them, as every stamp dealer knows "Favela's specialties," the stamps that can be obtained only from him or the P. M. G. Here is the list, not one of which was ever sold at face value in any Mexican postoffice, any more than were the "proofs" previously listed:

G P de M on 1910 (no other surch.), 1c red surch., 4c blue surch. (erroneously given as red surch. by the R. F. de M.).

1902	5pi on 100h, used	No. 1104	\$.15
1902	5pi on 100h, unused	1104	.25
1902	1pia green, unused	1105	.02
1902	1pia green, unused	1106	.03
1902	1pia green, unused	1107	.06
1902	1pia green, unused	1108	.07
1867	2s yellow, unused	1001	.07
1867	3s green, unused	1002	.05
1867	5s red, unused	1003	.07
1867	10s blue, used	1004	.03
1867	15s brown, unused	1005	.15
1867	25s grey, unused	1006	.25
1867	50s brown, unused	1007	.60
1867	2s brown, unused	1008	.07
1883	3s green, unused	1009	.07
1883	5s rose, unused	1010	.10
1883	20s grey, unused	1012	.18
1883	50s lilac, unused	1013	.40
1886	10pa on 3s green, unused	1014	.06
1886	10pa on 3k green, unused	1015	.04
1886	20pa on 5k rose, unused	1016	.07
1886	2pi on 20k grey, unused	1018	.20
1886	5pi on 50k violet, unused	1019	.40
1890	8pa on 2k brown, unused	1020	.03
1890	10pa on 3k green, unused	1021	.03
1890	20pa on 5k rose, unused	1022	.04
1890	2pi on 20k olive, unused	1024	.20
1890	5pi on 50k violet, unused	1025	.35
1892	2pi on 20k olive grn, unused	1026	.07
1892	5pi on 50k violet, unused	1027	.40
1892	10pi on 1gld blue, unused	1028	.70
1892	20pi on 2gld carmine, un'd	1029	1.30
1891	10pi on 1gld lilac, unused	1030	.70
1891	20pi on 2gld lilac, un'd	1031	1.30
1900	10pa on 5h green, used	1032	.02
1900	10pa on 10h rose, used	1033	.03
1900	2pi on 50h grey blue, used	1035	.06
1900	5pi on 1k carmine, used	1036	.06
1900	10pi on 2k grey lilac, used	1037	.25
1903	10pa green, unused	1039	.03
1903	20pa rose, used	1040	.05
1903	2pi grey blue, used	1042	.05
1907	10pa green, unused	1043	.03
1907	30pa violet, unused	1045	.06
1908	10pa green, used	1046	.02
1908	20pa claret, used	1047	.03
1908	30pa brown, used	1048	.06
1908	1pi deep blue, used	1049	.02
1908	60pa violet, used	1050	.07
1908	2pi lake, used	1051	.04
1908	5pi brown, used	1052	.07
1908	10pi green	1053	.15
1908	20pi blue	1054	.25

OFFICES IN CRETE.

1903	10c on 10h rose, unused	1152	.04
1903	50c on 50h blue, unused	1154	.18
1903	1f on 1k carmine rose, un'd	1155	.35
1903	2f grey lilac, unused	1156	.60
1903	4f on 4pa grey green, un'd	1157	1.15
1904	10c on 10h carm., un'd	1159	.04
1904	25c on 25 ultram., unused	1160	.08
1904	50c on 50 dull blue, un'd	1161	.18
1904	15c violet, unused	1164	.05
1904	10c on 10h carmine, un'd	1163	.04
1908	5c green, unused	1165	.02
1908	10c scarlet, unused	1166	.03
1908	15c brown, unused	1167	.06
1908	25c blue, unused	1168	.07
1908	50c lake, unused	1169	.15
1908	1f brown, unused	1170	.25
1912	5h green, used	1301	.03
1912	10h rose, used	1302	.04
1912	25h blue, used	1303	.08

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1850	5c yellow, used	No. 1	\$.70
1850	5c orange, used	2	.75
1850	10c black, used	3	.50
1850	15c red, used	4	.03
1850	30c brown, used	5	.03
1850	45c blue, used	6	.06
1858	2s yellow, used	7	1.25
1858	3s black, used	8	1.50
1858	3s green, used	9	1.35
1858	10s brown, used	11	.08
1858	15s blue, used	12	.10
1861	5s red, used	13	.04
1861	10s brown, used	14	.20
1861	2s yellow, used	15	.20
1861	3s green, used	16	.75
1861	10s blue, used	18	.50
1861	15s brown, used	19	.60
1863	2s yellow, used	20	1.75
1863	3s green, used	21	.10
1863	3s green, unused	21	.30
1863	10s blue, used	23	.07
1863	15s brown, used	24	.20

BOSNIA

1879	1n black, used	No. 1	\$.10
1879	1n grey, used	2	.04
1879	1n lilac, used	3	.12
1879	2n yellow, used	4	.08
1879	3n green, used	5	.05
1879	10n blue, used	7	.02

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Beginning with October 1, 1916, new postage stamps, franking stamps, newspaper postage stamps, postal cards, sealing cards, pneumatic tube cards and sealing cards will be issued and express delivery stamps will be introduced.

These stamps and cards will be issued in the following denominations:

Postage stamps at 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 80 hellers and at 2, 3, 4 and 10 crowns.

Penalty stamps (for insufficient postage) at 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50 hellers and at 1, 5 and 10 crowns.

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Pneumatic tube cards at 38 hellers and pneumatic tube sealing cards at 45 hellers.

Express stamps at 2 and 5 hellers.

Express stamps at 5 hellers are intended for the payment of the usual fee and as additions for the difference in mailing printed matter up to 50g.

Beginning with September 25, 1916, blocks will be used for the temporary printing of the immediate demand of new postage and newspaper stamps, which will read: Postage stamps at 3 hellers (on wrappers for newspapers and printed matter and for the mailing of cards sent as printed matter), 15 hellers, 25 hellers (on envelopes) and 80 hellers (on receipts accompanying parcels), newspaper stamps at 2 and 6 hellers (on wrappers, address tags, wrapping bands, etc.) The printing is done in the colors of the letter stamp of the same value, the printing of the 2 heller newspaper stamp will be done in vermilion, the 6 heller newspaper stamp in purple color.

Postage stamps at 3, 10, 15, 25 and 80 hellers will be furnished on demand, and without additional costs, in rolls. Stamps at 3, 10 and 15 hellers in rolls per 1000 pieces and stamps at 25 and 80 hellers in rolls at 500 stamps.

Stamps at 5, 10 and 15 hellers will also be sold in folders of 6 each of 15

heller stamps, of 6 each of 10 heller stamps and 10 each of 5 heller stamps. Each folder to cost 2 crowns.

Letter and newspaper postage stamps, postal cards and pneumatic tube stamps at present in use, retain their values until December 31, 1916. Such stamps may up to then be used as additional stamps in supplementing the new tariff postage rate. On January 1, 1917, the old stamps will be withdrawn from circulation. All of the old stamps, etc., in the hands of the public will be exchanged at all post offices against the new postal values for equal values of the new issue up to February 28, 1917.

All letter cards of the old issue can be exchanged against any other postal value at the rate of 11 hellers each between September 25 to 30, 1916. Beginning with October 1st, such cards must be provided with an additional stamp of 5 hellers.

Postage stamps at 15 and 80 hellers, express stamps at 2 & 5 hellers, postal cards at 8 and 8 plus 8 hellers and sealing cards at 15 hellers will be on sale beginning with September 28, 1916, but must not be used until beginning of October 1, 1916. All other stamps, etc., will be issued in compliance with the demand of the new issue.

The postage stamps are printed on white paper in the following colors:

- 3 heller stamps, purple.
- 5 heller stamps, light green.
- 6 heller stamps, orange.
- 10 heller stamps, claret red,
- 12 heller stamps, light blue,
- 15 heller stamps, vermilion,
- 20 heller stamps, brown,
- 25 heller stamps, navy blue,
- 30 heller stamps, slate hued grey,
- 40 heller stamps, gold ochre,
- 50 heller stamps, bluish green,
- 60 heller stamps, bluish grey,
- 80 heller stamps, reddish brown,
- 90 heller stamps, reddish purple,
- 2 crown stamps, dark blue,
- 3 crown stamps, carmine,
- 4 crown stamps, dark green,
- 10 crown stamps, greyish purple.

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Grenada, 1d War stamp, I Local Print	.25
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of a higher value than 1 crown in copper print. On the former the printed space is 22 millimeters wide and 26 mm. high, on the latter 26 mm. wide and 30 mm. high.

In the center the 3, 5, 6, 10 and 12 heller stamps bear a facsimile of the Austrian Imperial crown, the 15 and 20 heller stamps a three-quarter profile picture of His Imperial and Royal Apostolic Majesty, the 25 and 30 heller stamps the full face picture of His Imperial and Royal Apostolic Majesty, the 40, 50, 60, 80 and 90 heller stamps a facsimile of the small Austrian coat-of-arms. The 2, 3, 4 and 10 crown stamps likewise show the small Austrian coat-of-arms, surrounded in the case of the 2 and 3 crown stamps by a laurel wreath, on the 4 crown stamps by one of oak-leaves and on the 10 crown stamps by one composed of both oak and laurel.

The center field of all stamps is surrounded by an ornamented ribbon bearing an inscription, interrupted in the center of the lower edge by a small four-cornered or octagonal shield with the value in colored print on white, the ribbon itself bearing the device: "Kaiserliche königliche österreichische Post" (I. R. Austrian Mails) and "Heller" or "Kronen" in white letters on a colored background.

The penalty stamps are executed in book-print on white paper, those of less than 1 crown in red, those of a higher value in blue.

Apart from the figure indicating the value, the design on all stamps of less than 1 crown in value is the same. They are square, each side measuring 22 mm. The octagonal center field, surrounded by ornaments, shows the value in white figures on colored background. Above the center field is the word "Porto" (postage), below the center the word "Heller" in dark letters on a shaded background. A ribbon, crossing the ornamented border, bears the device in white letters on a colored background "Kaiserliche königliche österreichische Post" (I. R. Austrian Mail).

The stamps of more than 1 crown in value have an oblong form, 22 mm. in breadth and 30 mm. in height. Apart from the figure indicating the value, they all show the same design. The oval center field shows the value in white figures on a colored background. It is surrounded by ornaments and a ribbon, which latter bears the words "Kaiserliche königliche österreichische Post". On the upper edge of the design the word "Porto" on the lower edge the word "Krone" or "Kronen" is inserted in white letters on a colored background between shaded ornaments.

The newspaper stamps are executed in book-print on white paper in the following colors:

- For 2 hellers, brown,
- For 4 hellers, green,
- For 6 hellers, blue,
- For 10 hellers, orange,
- For 30 hellers, claret red.

Apart from the figure indicating the value, all these stamps have the same square design, each side measuring 22 mm.

The center field shows a white Mercury's head on an ornamented background. Above the head is the word "Zeitungsmarke" (newspaper stamp) in colored letters. The center field is sur-

rounded by an ornamented ribbon, interrupted at the bottom in the center by a small octagonal white shield indicating the value in colored print, the ribbon bearing the device: "Kaiserliche königliche österreichische Post" and "Heller" in white letters on a colored background.

The stamps on the 8 and 16 (8 plus 8) heller postcards are executed in a dark green color with the same design as the 15 heller stamp (Profile picture of His Imperial and Royal Apostolic Majesty) with the new value indicated, the stamps on the 10 and 20 (10 plus 10) heller postal cards are of a claret red color with the same design as the 10 heller stamps, those on the 15 heller sealing cards are vermilion with the design of the 15 heller stamp, those on the pneumatic cards and pneumatic sealing cards dark red and dark blue respectively, with the design of the 40 heller stamp and indicating the new value.

The express stamps are executed in book-print on yellow paper, the two heller stamp being printed in red and the 5 heller in green. They have the form of a triangle, the base measuring 33 mm. and each of the other two sides 31 mm. The center shows a Mercury's head in lighter color on the background of a cloudy sky. The inscription surrounding it ("Kaiserliche königliche österreichische Post" and "Heller") is in light letters on a dark background. In the lower corner there is a hexagonal light space where the value (2 or 5) is indicated.

All stamps have an unprinted white edge, 2 mm. wide with seven scallops to the centimeter in the case of postage, penalty and express stamps, but unscalloped in that of newspaper stamps.

The designs for the postage, penalty and newspaper stamps were made by the academic painter, Dr. Rudolf Junk, that for the express stamps by the graphic artist, Alfred Coszmann. The pictures of His Imperial and Royal Apostolic Majesty are the work of engraver Ferdinand Schirnböck made from likenesses taken by the Imperial and Royal Court Photographer and Imperial counselor Hermann Cl. Kosel.

The artists' names are signed on the lower edge of each stamp.

BISSELL RESERVES DECISION.

(From Oct. 28 Buffalo Paper.)

Financial affairs of Commodore Geo. H. Worthington of Cleveland, the intricacies of which have been unwinding before Justice Bissell in equity court for several days in an action to enforce a lien of \$330,000 on the Worthington \$1,000,000 collection of postage stamps by Mrs. Alice F. Halladay of No. 496 Delaware Avenue, closed yesterday afternoon. Justice Bissell reserved decision.

Mrs. Halladay yesterday morning declared she gave Mr. Worthington in 1915 \$330,000 worth of stock in the American Chicle Co. in return for a mortgage on the stamp collection. She said Worthington asked her to keep the mortgage from public record lest it hurt his credit.

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He said Worthington then borrowed \$30,000 on one book of his stamp collection from a New York bank. He declared the committee took the matter into court and forced Worthington to sign papers of insolvency. These he declared were placed on record.

After these events, he said, Mrs. Halladay made known her claim.

OFF-SET PRINTING.

By **PERCY MCG. MANN.**

Mr. Weinstock's letter in your edition of October 28, p. 381, interested me very much. It is to be doubted that any of our current *United States* bank notes or postage stamps are being printed on "Off-set presses", but that some foreign governments are utilizing the off-set method of printing for postage stamp production is probably true. I have seen the new current Chilean stamp described as lithographed, also typographed, but it is my opinion that they have been produced by the off-set method. This method, as a good many of your readers already know, is a form of lithography. The original design is engraved on stone, transfers are taken from this and laid down in any number on a zinc plate, the zinc plate is then curved into a cylinder, the cylindrical plate receives the ink, revolves and offsets the impression on a revolving rubber cylinder which in turn prints the design on the paper fed continuously into the press from a roll. It may interest your readers to know that the current cigarette, cigar and tobacco tax-paid stamps have been printed by the off-set method at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for about *three years*. The off-set method of printing should not be confused with the present rotary press printing of the current coil stamps; these are printed *direct* from cylindrical steel plates—a form of intaglio printing.

JAMAICA WAR STAMPS.

By **HARRY E. HUBER.**

Further varieties come from this British West Indian Colony. About the middle of September, the supply of the 3d War Stamp, on the lemon yellow through paper, became exhausted and the remaining stock (very small in numbers) of the 3d on yellow through paper was overprinted "WAR STAMP" in one line. This 3d on yellow through must not be confused with the 3d on lemon yellow, which replaced the 3d on surface colored.

There are three issues of the ordinary 3d George stamp, namely:—The 3d on yellow through was issued March, 1912; the 3d on surface colored, April, 1913, and the 3d on lemon yellow in 1915. That the numbers of the 3d on yellow through available for overprinting were very small, is evidenced by the fact that the issue was exhausted in three weeks. One stamp to a sheet shows the no period variety.

The Postmaster General has decided that the two line overprint, as used for the 1 1/2d, allows of better centering, and requires less attention at the hands of the operator in feeding to the press, and this is the type to be used in future printings.

To replace the 3d on yellow through the 3d on lemon yellow was issued October 6th, with the two line overprint.

The 1/2d Arms is also to receive the two line overprint when the next printing is made.

The 1 1/2d orange, unsurcharged, is no longer on sale at the General Post Office—presumably the entire stock is to be overprinted.

SUMMARY.

	1916
1d arms, yell. gr., WAR STAMP, 1 line	April
1d arms, blue green, "	July
3d surface colored, "	April
3d lemon yellow thru, "	June
3d yellow thru, "	Sept.
3d lemon yell. thru, WAR STAMP, 2 lines	Oct.
1 1/2d orange, unsurcharged	July
1 1/2d orange, WAR STAMP, 2 lines	Sept.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Harry P. Haldt, Roscoe B. Martin, H. G. Klotzbach and H. W. Boers (2).

—H. P. H.—Your Great Barrier Island stamp is not a stamp at all. It is purely a label and for that reason secured no place in the catalog.

—Mrs. E. W. Oughtred calls our attention to the fact that the Canadian town of Berlin has now been changed to Kitchener. It is quite a large manufacturing town and was settled by Germans.

—Attention is called to the advertisement in this number of the Sales Department of the A. P. S. This is a strong feature in connection with the Society's advantages of membership and our subscribers are urged to give consideration to the same. Every philatelist should be patriotic enough to join our national society, especially when it is possible to take advantage of an excellent sales department. For detailed information write Mr. Wolsieffer.

—In response to our request for Canal Zone pricings we received only a few, and these from W. Ellery Denison of New York City. We have decided to make no further attempt to secure pricings and shall add to the book a final chapter containing the Morgenthau and Kellogg quotations.

—Geo S. Chapman of Montreal, Can., informs us that he is one of the victims of Geo. Liden of Minneapolis, Minn. Dealers will do well to make a note of this name for their future good and welfare.

—J. M. Bartels favors us with some remarkable auction prices realized at a recent Berlin auction sale. The information was gleaned from the *New Yorker Staats-Zeitung* of Nov. 2. The quotations are on German States and very high prices were realized, indicating that money must be plentiful in the great German metropolis. The demands on our space will not allow us to quote prices given.

—Can any one give the Columbian Stamp Co., Arlington, Mass., the present address of Gearhart Frantz, formerly at 27 Carey Avenue, Wilkesbarre, Pa.?

—The next annual session of the S. P. A. will be held in Minneapolis, Minn., on August 7, 8 and 9, 1917.

—At the regular monthly meeting of the Bethlehem Branch of the S. P. A. to be held Friday evening, Nov. 17, Mr. E. T. Parker is to furnish the stamp exhibit.

—The stamp collectors in and around Concord, N. H., have organized the

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U. S. 1908, \$1 brown40	.17
U. S. 1861, 30c orange 1.25	.59
U. S. Rev. 25c Insurance Imp.25	.08
U. S. Rev. 10c Bill of Ld., Imp.75	.22
U. S. Rev. \$1 Lease, Imp. 2.00	.65
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*82 Mauritius, 2 on 38 violet ..	.85	.45
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Serious collectors desiring scarce old Br. Colonials will do well to write me. Anything gladly sent on approval against first class references (if not known to me). All letters answered.

HERBERT H. A. FOX, OSWEGO, N. Y.

Concord Stamp Club and made application for a branch charter to the N. P. S. The Club meets Saturdays at 2 P. M.

—Nov. 18 is the date for the great dinner to be held under the auspices of the Philatelic Societies of Greater New York. Hotel Endicott will be the place and special features will be provided. E. R. Ackerman of Plainfield, N. J., C. L. Pack of Lakewood, N. J., and Eugene Klein of Philadelphia are to be in attendance.

—The Hudson County Stamp Club has been reorganized. A meeting was held Nov. 3 at Jersey City and officers elected for the coming year. The new Club will be affiliated with the N. P. S.

—E. E. Elster, one of the oldest dealers in Buffalo, N. Y., has had the misfortune to lose a valuable stock of stamps in a fire that destroyed his place of business on Ellicott St. Besides his stamps he also lost a new supply of catalogs and albums.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Arriving.—Through the courtesy of Mr. Sumner Gary of Grand Rapids, Michigan, we are enabled to give definite news on a subject that is engaging much attention at present, the current issue on unwatermarked paper. Under date of Oct. 26th, 1916, Mr. F. E. Ferguson, Acting Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, furnishes a compilation of statistical information that will be valuable for reference purposes. In the following list, the date of the first printing is given, together with the numbers of the first plates that have been used for printing postage stamps on unwatermarked paper in the Bureau, up to October 26th, 1916:

1c ordinary, Aug. 24, 1916, Plate Numbers, 7658, 7660, 7663, 6953, 7654, 7655, 7656, 7659, 7647, 7649, 7650, 7651, 7652, 7667, 7668, 7669, 7671, 7674, 7725, 7736, 7664, 7665, 7666, 7670, 7726, 7727, 7731, 7733.

2c ordinary, Aug. 22, 1916, Plate Numbers, 7729, 7730, 7760, 7762.

2c postage due, Aug. 24, 1916, Plate Numbers, 6703, 6704, 6705, 6706.

2c roll, Aug. 28, 1916, Plate Numbers, 7686, 7782.

3c ordinary, Sept. 15, 1916, Plate Numbers, 7253, 7254, 7258, 7267.

4c ordinary, Sept. 1, 1916, Plate Numbers, 7331, 7348, 7372, 7362.

5c ordinary, Sept. 13, 1916, Plate Numbers, 7622, 7623, 7632, 7633.

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7c ordinary, Aug. 25, 1916, Plate Numbers, 7718, 7719, 7720, 7723.

8c ordinary, Oct. 25, 1916, Plate Numbers, 5724, 5725, 5804, 5846.

10c ordinary, Sept. 15, 1916, Plate Numbers, 7204, 7205, 7213, 7215.

12c ordinary, Sept. 7, 1916, Plate Numbers, 6900, 6902, 6010, 6913.

10c Special Delivery, Sept. 29, 1916, Plate Numbers, 5520, 6043, 6046, 6049.

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Economy.—Says an esteemed contributor: "You should know what hardship is entailed on large users by the increased cost of paper, with your huge subscription list, a-hem, and here you are enlarging instead of diminishing the size of your more or less moral sheet. I have adopted this gracious style of introduction so as to beguile you into reading the following statement. The tax paid cigar stamps are now printed on paper the size of half the old stamps; and it would be a natural assumption that the plan is to reduce the size of the tax paid stamps generally on the score of economy."

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Strength.—One of the best-informed of American dealers, Mr. A. Krassa of New York, has taken his first trip to Chicago, where many of his friends and customers had the pleasure of meeting him. In fact, Mr. Krassa lengthened his stay in Chicago so long that he decided that he would not continue on his way west as he intended at first, we understand. As might be imagined, Mr. Krassa had a store of stamps too numerous to mention, with which to regale the critical eye. It need not be said that Mr. Krassa's faith in the stability of stamps is unbounded and he regards his heavy investments in them as his "bank." He makes the prediction that the present season will be one of the greatest ever experienced by philately.

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Raw.—No wonder they like us. A collector of Buenos Ayres whose studies of the stamps of his own and other countries have established him as a philatelist of exceptional standing received a bulky letter from a town in the United States on which there was a single two cent stamp and the deficiency in postage was charged up at double rates. The word, "Important!" on the envelope arrested his impulse to refuse the letter. When the envelope was opened a batch of worthless U. S. stamps was disclosed for which the sender wanted "only rare Argentine," etc., in return for the stamps. Worse, the gentle soul of the recipient was seared by the threat that if he did not answer by return mail, he would be reported as a fraud. It must be said in this connection that a letter

of the kind by no means is typical of the "exchange" communication of the young and enterprising American. Philatelists know the foreign postal rates and their letters are not so business-like as to wound the sensibilities of those who attach some importance to the niceties of correspondence but isolated instances such as the one recorded will crop out occasionally.

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Seen.—A reader, Mr. Chas. Theamann, has found "two styles" in the line under the "of America" in the legend, United States of America, on the one cent Pan-American. In the variety, there is a thin black line under "Ameri" of America. Mr. Jas. Lewis Howe shows three different pre-canceled stamps on a part of cover, the one, eight and ten cent, New York, that literally are blotted out of existence so far as their color is concerned. Mr. Howe says: "What a grouch the New York postal clerk must have had." Anyway, why should pre-canceled stamps be canceled at all?

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Up.—From Mr. Theodore Siddall, Shanghai, China, we have received a clipping from the North China Daily Post of September 14th, 1916, that has a significance beyond the news information itself. The notice tells of the increase in the postal rates of the British office in China:

"Beginning on October 1 the postage on a letter posted at the British Post Office will be ten cents instead of four cents as heretofore, and if the letter weighs over the 20 grammes allowed, six cents for each additional 20 grammes will be charged. From October 1 the British rate on Home-bound mail matter in other words will be the same as that charged by the Chinese Post Office.

This means that the 'domestic' postage no longer applies and that British Post Offices in China (except Weihaiwei) are to charge 'foreign' rates after October 1. Yesterday Mr. J. MacD. Russell, the British Postmaster, sent out the following circular signed by the Postmaster General and issued at Hongkong on September 8:

"On and after October 1 next the British Post Office Agencies in China (with the exception of Weihaiwei) will withdraw from the Imperial penny post system and will collect the Postal Union rates of postage on letters, viz.: 10 cents for the first 20 grammes; 6 cents for each additional 20 grammes.

"The local rates to Hongkong, Weihaiwei, the British Post Office Agencies in China and to Macau (and between Canton and Macau also between Shanghai and Ningpo) will, however, be maintained as at present."

Inasmuch as the British Post Office will no longer be in competition with the Chinese Post Office, this may be con-

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sidered as a first step toward the final withdrawal of foreign post offices in China, it being understood that China, having joined the Postal Union, has requested the various Powers to surrender the privileges of having their own post offices in this country. From the Chinese viewpoint, China, having organized a postal department on foreign lines, is entitled to handle all the mails in her own country."

Mr. Siddall says that the indications are that the Chinese government will soon have a monopoly of the postal business, as the only customers of the foreign offices now are those who use them because the rates in each office are the domestic rates of the various countries. He adds:

"When the foreign offices were started the Chinese post office was not well organized, and foreign mail was not handled by the Chinese post office, but now the Chinese postal system is as perfect as any and cheaper than some, so that it can serve the public very well."

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By BILL BLOSS.

CHAPTER XIII—Credits.

Unfortunately for all merchants doing
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business requires the sending of goods
on approval, there are a great many
parasites who make a practice of ap-
pealing to the dealer for an approval se-
lection and then grow "rich" by the
petty thievery of these selections. To
these criminals must the blame be laid
for the percentage of increase in cost
of postage stamps to cover loss. No
merchant will do business at a loss.
When his goods are not paying a profit,
he will investigate his methods, find the
source of loss and, if it is beyond his
control, will raise the price of the goods
to cover this loss. Therefore, it is the
consumer who must meet the burden of
these losses.

However, it is the merchant who can
offer the best goods at the lowest price
that wins. In order to do this, it is to
his advantage to eliminate loss. There-
fore, he must watch his credits. Prob-
ably 99% of the stamp dealers in this
country are more fortunate than the
average corner grocer, inasmuch as they
do not carry any charge accounts, and
have only short-time credits to follow
up. There is absolutely

No Necessity For Running Accounts

in the stamp business, and the dealer
will do well to insist on cash. When an
approval selection is returned, the remit-
tance should accompany the lot or an-
other selection should not be sent out.
Stamps are a luxury, not a necessity.
When a man is faced with a large bill
for stamps, he is more apt to neglect it
than if it were for gas, or coal, or ice.
Probably not one customer in fifty
would ask for or care for extended
credit, therefore the dealer should not
encourage it.

When an application for an approval
selection is received from a new cus-
tomer, the

References Should Be Investigated

to find out if O. K. We will assume
that the dealer makes it plain that he re-
quires a reference before sending out a
selection. This fact is generally under-
stood; however, the dealer should em-

phasize it in his advertising. No matter
how nice the application looks, or how
neatly the letter paper is engraved, look
the applicant up before you take a
chance. Some of the biggest known
stamp swindles have been worked by the
aid of a little expensive paper and
flowery language.

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collector named K— decided to get his
collection without money. Accordingly
he spent a dollar fifty for a printed
letter head, to advertise his "real estate
business". Shortly after he received the
paper, every dealer of importance in the
country received a request for a selec-
tion of approvals. Mr. K— claimed
that he had a number of friends inter-
ested in the hobby and that between
them, all selections received would be
disposed of. He referred the dealers to
"any bank in Cleveland". It is esti-
mated that Mr. K— received over
\$1,000 worth of stamps, which he readily
disposed of at sufficient profit to take
him to parts unknown. On the face of
his letter, he was such a good buyer
that the dealers never considered his
references. The writer donated a Bos-
nia collection worth \$6.50 and has since
taken the pledge.

If an applicant gives as reference a
society number, he is usually reliable,
but his number should be checked up.
If he refers to a bank or business house,
write to the bank, stating that Mr.—
has referred you to them as to his re-
liability, and while you do not question
him, desire to find out whether he is
known to them, as he is a new customer
to you. If a stamped envelope is en-
closed, a reply will probably be received
at once. If no reply is received, look
out; if he refers to "any bank in —"
be careful, unless the town is very small,
then write to one of the banks. Unless
a man is rated in the millions, he will
hardly carry an account with every bank
in New York or Cincinnati, and such a
reference should be treated suspiciously.
A man of such rating would know bet-
ter than to offer such a rash statement,
but would pick out one of his banks.
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aire will divide his trade among a few
large dealers and will hardly stoop to

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No. 97, 12c used35	*10c " used70
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*No. 114, 3c no gum35	*24c " used 1.70
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*No. 117, 12c no gum 1.75	*2c "18
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*No. 140, 2c no gum45	*12c "40
*No. 153, 24c no gum 4.00	*24c " used50
No. 155, 90c used60	*30c " used50
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*No. 243, \$3 4.00	*15c " used 1.25
No. 293, \$2 used 3.25	*1c Treasury40
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*No. 301, 2c imperf. block of 450	*7c " used70
*No. 335, 2c imperf. block of 415	*10c "25
*No. 336, 2c imperf. block of 415	*12c "25
*No. 337, 2c imperf. block of 415	*30c "35
*1c Agriculture, not centered 1.25	*90c " used25
*15c " 1.25	*7c War 1.00
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The Use of a Personal Letter

on all "worth-while lots" and customers, in place of a form letter. Better results are usually obtained, and the customer is secretly pleased to find that he is worth a thought on the part of the management, rather than part of a machine, even though the thought is a reminder for him to "get busy".

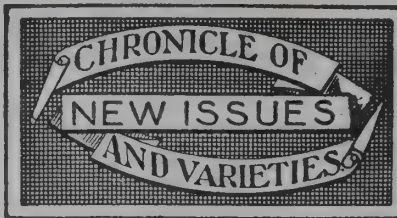
If the first letter does not bring back the lot, a second letter should be addressed about ten days later, asking the client to advise whether or not he received the lot, in order that a tracer may be started in case of loss, or a claim put in to the insurance company if the letter was insured. Under some circumstances, even a reminder will be overlooked, and it is distasteful to the client to be hinted a thief or threatened with legal action. Many dealers use such threats without just cause and lose many otherwise good customers as a result. This second letter will often get a reply where the first fails.

In case both notices are overlooked, the dealer may begin to suspect something is wrong. Therefore if the lot justifies a further "patient" letter, send the delinquent a registered letter (for the receipt) calling attention to previous letters, and asking for the immediate return of the lot. Emphasize the fact that you have tried to serve him faithfully and cannot understand this uncalled-for delay, also that you must turn your goods promptly to be able to give your "splendid service". Such a letter will generally do the work, as the fact that it is registered brings it forcibly to the customer's attention. Also, the customer feels that he has been unjust to the dealer and will often send a healthier remittance. There are

Several Ways of Forcing Collections.

One way of dodging the issue is by printing on the invoice, under terms of sale, "These goods remain my property until paid for in full". Unless this phrase is used, the customer can evade legal action for fraud by stating that "he has purchased the stamps but will pay for them later". Therefore, to force settlement, the account must be treated as a bad debt. If the above phrase is used, in keeping the stamps without payment, the client is holding your goods without your consent and is guilty of a fraud. Therefore, he can be prosecuted for fraud. If the circumstances warrant, the Postal Inspectors will handle a case where the mails are involved. The Department does not run a collection agency, however, and will seldom bother with a case unless a number of charges are filed.

Probably every dealer has seen, or can devise, a set of collection letters. If not, the writer will be glad to help if addressed privately. This article concludes the subject and it is the sincere hope of the writer that you have gained something from the work.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—Maurice Goldsmith submits a photographic print of an envelope received by him, franked with two 1c documentary stamps of the 1914 issue. Several of these were used on personal correspondence before the post-office clerks discovered them, and charged postage due fees.

Eugene Tilleux also reports the "Officially Sealed" stamp on pink paper.

CANADA.—Mrs. E. W. Oughtred writes us as follows:—"I have just received a complete set of Ontario Amusement tax tickets 1 ct. and 2 cts. with 5 cts. and 10 cts. You reported the 1 ct. I think, but I am interested to find there are three higher values. Quebec City also uses Amusement tax tickets, I've not seen them yet, however."

DOMINICA.—The Rev. L. Meister also reports the new 1/2d War Tax stamp of Dominica, as recently chronicled.

GIBRALTAR.—J. A. Galbraith has shown us the 1sh King George stamp on a blue green paper. Does this mean a change of paper like the Jamaica 3d on yellow and lemon shades?

GRENADA.—We are indebted to Harry E. Huber for the following information: In common with other islands of the Windward group, Grenada imposed a 1d War Tax upon all letters and parcels destined for the United Kingdom, the Colonies and Protectorates. These regulations became effective June 1, 1916.

To provide for payment of this tax, the current 1d George, rose, was overprinted at St. George's, "WAR TAX" (with period), in one line. The surcharge measures 16x2 1/4 mm.

The overprinting was done in panes of 60—the setting being sufficient to complete a pane of 60 at one operation.

While no major varieties are to be found, three different sizes of the letter "A" have been used, measuring respectively 2 1/4 mm. (normal), 2 mm., and 1 1/2 mm. All three types are to be found in both "WAR" and "TAX", but the "A" measuring 1 1/2 mm. is least common. A variety also exists with a space between T and AX.

In early September a consignment of the London overprinted stamp was received from the Crown Agents. The stamp itself is in the scarlet printing (which is superseding the rose and carmine formerly affected by De La Rue & Co.).

The stamps are in panes of 60, and "WAR TAX" (without period), one line, is in narrow sans serif type, measuring 11 1/2 x 3 mm.

The type used and the spacing of the surcharge is identical with that used for the 1d London overprinted War Tax stamp of St. Lucia.

Evidently, the 1d War Tax stamp of Grenada may be used interchangeably with the unsurcharged stamp, for a registered letter recently received from St. George's bears a 3d, 1/2d, and a 1d War Tax stamp.

ICELAND.—W. T. Wilson has shown us the 10 aur scarlet, 1907-08 design, on paper watermarked multiple crosses. Mr. Wilson is informed that the 20 aur will shortly appear on the same paper.

JAMAICA.—J. A. Galbraith has shown us the 1/2d "War Tax" stamp, with the overprint in two lines, instead of one line. The type is a little different,

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MONTERRAT.—The Rev. L. Meister also reports the new Montserrat 1/2d stamp as recently noted. He is informed that it has been decided to destroy the remainders of the previous set.

St. LUCIA.—We are indebted to Harry E. Huber for the following information: "Regulations passed in Council on May 17, 1916, provided for payment of 1d War Tax in addition to the prevailing rates of postage on all letters and parcels, leaving the Colony, addressed to the British Empire. The regulations took effect June 1, 1916.

The current 1d scarlet, from plate 3, which had just been sent out by the Crown Agents, was overprinted in black, WAR TAX (no period), in tall thin type, in two lines. The extreme height measures 8 mm.

This overprint was applied locally. The sheets of 120 were divided into panes of 60, but as the setting was only sufficient to overprint 30 stamps at a time, two operations were necessary to complete a pane. The work was very carefully done, and no errors are known.

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These London overprinted stamps were received at Castries in early September, and are in complete sheets of 120, from plate 5.

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NEW YORK CITY, Nov. 2, 1916.

Meeting called to order by Pres. J. M. Bartels. Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted. Messrs. Stypman, Dr. Laporte and Dr. Keidanz sent in their resignations. Mr. J. Hatfield, Jr., showed us his wonderful collection of Colombian Republic in six volumes, which certainly made a beautiful display. Mr. Herrmann gave a little talk on what is the most beautiful stamp and why, which was very instructive. He stated that in his estimation it was the 1 shilling New South Wales. Mr. E. Klein exhibited some stamps which he had received from different members. After a vote had been taken on the stamps exhibited the honors fell to Mr. Forrest P. Hand. He had sent in the \$50 U. S. Revenue, second issue. He was awarded the Club's Certificate. This being nomination night the following were nominated for 1917: Messrs. Schlesinger and Meininger, President; C. Lehmann, Vice Pres.; V. Mozzian, Treasurer; Weiss, Mouhib and Moye, Secretary; Hermann, Wagner and Moye, Trustees.

The next meeting will be held November 16, Auction and Exchange. The members of the Dinner Committee will be in attendance. Refreshments will be served. The election is to be held Dec. 5, with a little celebration. Fourteen members and one visitor were present.
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By J. B. CHILDS.

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The coat of arms of Norway (issues of 1855 and 1863-68)—a golden lion with a crown and a battle ax, in a red shield—dates back some seven centuries ago to the glorious period when Haakon Haakonsson ruled over the land. Haakon was a fighting king; and it was during his reign that Ireland was for once added to the possessions of Norway. This aggressive quality in Haakon may account for the fact that he carried a rampant lion on his shield as his device or coat of arms. In the time of his grandson the design was changed by the addition of a battle-ax, the battle-ax of Saint Olav, who had united and ruled over Norway some two centuries before. During his reign Christianity had been established in the country. But to maintain his position he had to fight; and he was killed while fighting on the field with his men. This design representing two of the most glorious periods in the history of independent Norway finally was adopted as the coat of arms of the nation.

Norway had been under the bondage of its neighbors some centuries before another attempt was made to revive the independence of those bygone times. Europe was trembling under the shocks of the Napoleonic wars when the King of Denmark was forced to cede Norway to Sweden. Prince Christian Frederick, who had gone over there the year before to arouse the enthusiasm of the people, opposed this cession, which was made without the consent of Norway.

On the tenth of April, 1814, the famous Constituent Assembly met at Eidsvold in the mansion of Carsten Anker. The picture on the stamp (is-



sue of 1914) shows one of their sessions, probably the one in which the constitution, as drawn up by them, was adopted. The one hundred and twelve delegates debated there for nearly a month as to whether they should, or should not, declare themselves independent with Christian Frederick as King. Many of the delegates sent to the Assembly were in favor of the union with Sweden. But at last on the seventeenth of May they decided to adopt the new constitution, which had in the meantime been drawn up, and declare themselves independent. Even before Christian Frederick formally accepted the crown of Norway, there were rumors that other countries would interfere and aid Sweden in taking possession. Altho Norway had a much larger standing army than Sweden, the King contented himself with merely assuming the defensive. The coast was blockaded by English men-of-war; and the Swedish army made successful inroads upon the country. Three months later Christian Frederick yielded up his throne, and Norway was united with Sweden. This attempt at independence was celebrated one hundred years later by a special issue of stamps bearing a picture of one of the sittings of the Constituent Assembly.

Under the reign of Oscar the First of Sweden (issue of 1856-57) the first postage stamps of Norway were issued. On the death of his father in 1844 he had come to the throne. Having been before that quiet and reserved, no one had any definite ideas as to what would be his policy towards Norway. But he

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turned out to be even more liberal than had been his father. For a period of time during his reign the labor movement assumed alarming proportions; but quick and concentrated action on the part of the government deprived the movement of its influence. About this same time railroads were first constructed in Norway; and a law was passed establishing a uniform system of postal rates. King Oscar, who had been in delicate health for some years, died in 1859.

Oscar the Second (krona values of the issue of 1877-78), his grandson, became the king of Sweden and Norway thirteen years later. Friction had been developing in the relations of the two countries. The Norwegian Congress, or Storting, had for some years been insisting upon its having the right to amend the Norwegian constitution without the King of Sweden having the privilege of veto. The matter had almost reached the stage of a revolution when Oscar decided that it would be best for him to relinquish his claim on the right of veto. A few years later another quarrel arose over the question of foreign relations. Norway insistently demanded a separate foreign office. When in 1905 Oscar vetoed the bill of the Storting providing for this, the legislative body retaliated by declaring the union dissolved. And in October of the same year Oscar the Second of Sweden issued a proclamation announcing his abdication from the throne of Norway.



King Oscar II. King Haakon VII.



Negotiations were begun with Prince Charles of Denmark, who agreed to accept the crown of Norway if a general vote of the country signified that the people really wanted him as their king. Nearly four-fifths of this vote were in approval of this action on the part of the Storting. And in June, 1906, Prince Charles was crowned as King Haakon the Seventh of Norway (krona values issued in 1907, 1909-10, and in 1911). Another period of independence had begun.

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INTRODUCTION.

Every philatelic writer and collector in America at some time or other attempts or desires to write a treatise on the stamps of our country, and so it is only natural that I follow in the steps of some of my fellow-writers and produce a series of articles on this subject.

I am really not to blame. A host of collectors and readers of these columns have requested me to commit this rash act. Best of all, the editor has promised to shoulder the responsibility for any blunders I make, and as he is famed for the width of his shoulders, I shall certainly make the most of this opportunity to unburden myself of my "pet" subject.

These articles are intended for the man with the small collection of United States, who desires a moderate amount of practical knowledge on the stamps of his country. The specialist will find them of little value, for it is my intention to eliminate all references to the fly-speck varieties and shall make no mention of differences which cannot be seen with the naked eye. There is so much ground to cover that no one writer can write ALL about United States stamps, and the man who desires all the knowledge should seek elsewhere.

I make no claims of originality whatsoever, and state freely that most of the technical information herein will be secured from the works of other writers, as Luff, Power, Melville, Goodwin, Toppan, and Poole. In short, I purpose to write a summary of the main points to be covered in collecting United States stamps, paying especial attention to the varieties which can be secured by the collector with moderate means.

I take this opportunity to thank these gentlemen for the knowledge I have gained from their works, and also to show my appreciation of the assistance rendered me by several of my good friends who are better versed on their particular lines than I am.

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The stamps of Persia or China are interesting to us because they come from a distant land, but, aside from this fact, they mean very little to 99% of collectors owning them. They are put away in a book along with many others from other lands,—some from countries most of us could not readily locate on a map.

All red-blooded Americans are vitally interested in the progress of the United States postal system, the railroads, the cities, and the men who have built up this great nation. Therefore, as stamp collectors, we cannot fail to be interested most of all in the stamps of our own country, since all these things are associated with our stamps.

The specialist in United States stamps soon learns of the development of our post-office from reading text-books on his stamps. He traces the early efforts to establish postal conveniences through the postmasters' provisionals, of which he reads, though seldom possesses. He sees the Civil War days, from the Confederate issues and the cancellations and

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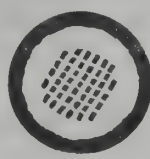


FIG. 3



FIG. 4



FIG. 5



FIG. 6



FIG. 7



FIG. 8

Many collectors of U. S. adhesive stamps are considerably interested in the collecting of the curiously and oddly cancelled stamps of the earlier issues. Being an ardent and much interested collector along these lines, I am constantly seeking for more definite knowledge upon this subject. Many of the older specialists of United States stamps have made some considerable effort along this interesting line of philatelic endeavor but not until very recent years

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Some of the most important and interesting were those which appeared from the pen of Wm. L. Stevenson, one

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U. S. IMPERFORATE and PART PERFORATE (Coil) STAMPS

Imperforate, All Mint				Crossed line				Plate Number				Arrow			
Date.	Cat. No.	Face Val.	3 mm. 2 mm. Line.	Pairs.	Block.	Star.	A. Plain.	Strip of Three	A. Plain.	Strip of Three	Pair, Block	Pair, Block	Pair, Block	Pair, Block	Pair, Block
1902-03,	300b,	1c	..	.25	.65	6.75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	314e,	2c	..	.30	1.25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1908-09,	323a,	1c	.15	.10	.25	1.00	..	.50	..	.40	.50	..	..	..	..
	324a,	2c	.20	.12	.30	1.25	..	1.25	..	.30	.35	..	..	..	..
	325a,	3c	..	.20	.35	4.00	..	..	1.00	1.50	..	..	..	..	..
	326a,	4c	.40	.25	.50	3.50	1.75	..	.75	.50	..	..	..	..	..
	327a,	5c	..	.30	.60	4.50	..	1.00	1.25	..	..	..	..	..	..
1909,	335a,	2c	Lin. 12	.18	.20	2.00	.75	..	..	.50	..	..	..	..	..
	336a,	2c	A-Y 12	..	.20	1.50	..	..	..	.40	.60	..	..	..	..
	337a,	2c	H-F 12	..	.20	3.00	..	..	..	.40	.60	..	..	..	..
1910,	338a,	1c	12	.10	.15	1.00	.25	..	..	.30	..	..	..	..	..
	339a,	2c	12	.10	.14	1.00	.30	1.00	..	..	.30	..	..	..	..
1912-15,	355a,	1c	.04	..	.08	.35	..	..	..	.18	.14	..	..	..	..
	356a,	2c	.08	..	.15	.45	..	..	..	.24	.16	..	..	..	..

Coil Stamps, All Mint.				Ordinary				Strip				Joint			
Date.	Cat. No.	Face Val.	Kind. Direction. 3 mm. 2 mm. Four.	Pairs.	Strip	Line	Strip	Pair. Four.	Pair. Four.	Pair. Four.	Pair. Four.	Pair. Four.	Pair. Four.	Pair. Four.	Pair. Four.
1908-09,	323e,	1c	12 Hor.	.20	.25	.35	.70	.50	..	.85	.50	..	..	..	..
	323d,	1c	12 Vert.	.25	.35	.70	..	.50	..	.85	.50	..	..	..	..
	324e,	2c	12 Hor.	.25	.35	.70	..	.50	..	.85	.50	..	..	..	..
	324d,	2c	12 Vert.	.30	.40	.70	..	.50	..	.90	.50	..	..	..	..
	326e,	4c	12 Hor.	.25	.35	.65	..	.50	..	.75	.50	..	..	..	..
	326d,	4c	12 Vert.	.25	.35	.65	..	.50	..	.75	.50	..	..	..	..
	327e,	5c	12 Hor.	.35	..	.70	..	.50	..	.85	.50	..	..	..	..
	327d,	5c	12 Vert.	.35	..	.70	..	.50	..	.85	.50	..	..	..	..
1910,	335b,	1c	12 Hor.	.20	.25	.35	..	.50	..	.75	.50	..	..	..	..
	338e,	1c	12 Vert.	.75	1.00	1.75	..	1.75	2.75	1.75	2.50	..	..	..	..
	338d,	1c	8 1/2 Hor.	.08	..	.16	..	.16	.24	.16	.24	..	..	..	..
	338e,	1c	8 1/2 Vert.	.08	..	.16	..	.16	.24	.16	.24	..	..	..	..
	339b,	2c	12 Hor.	.50	..	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.50	1.00	1.50	..	..	..	..
	339c,	2c	12 Vert.	1.25	..	3.00	4.75	3.00	4.75	3.00	4.75	..	..	..	..
	339d,	2c	8 1/2 Hor.	.10	..	.20	..	.20	.30	.20	.30	..	..	..	..
	339e,	2c	8 1/2 Vert.	.12	..	.24	..	.25	.37	.25	.37	..	..	..	..
	340c,	3c	8 1/2 Vert.	.25	.35	.65	..	.40	.75	.40	.75	..	..	..	..
	341a,	4c	8 1/2 Vert.	.25	.35	.65	..	.30	.65	.35	.65	..	..	..	..
	342a,	5c	8 1/2 Vert.	.25	..	.50	..	.40	.75	.40	.75	..	..	..	..
1912,	355b,	1c	8 1/2 Hor.	.08	..	.16	..	.25	.35	.25	.35	..	..	..	..
	355c,	1c	8 1/2 Vert.	.10	..	.20	..	.25	.35	.25	.35	..	..	..	..
	356b,	2c	8 1/2 Hor.	.12	..	.24	..	.25	.37	.25	.37	..	..	..	..
	356c,	2c	8 1/2 Vert.	.12	..	.24	..	.25	.37	.25	.37	..	..	..	..
1914,	369a,	1c	10 Hor.	.08	..	.16	..	.20	.28	.20	.28	..	..	..	..
	Printed 369b,	1c	10 Vert.	.08	..	.16	..	.20	.28	.20	.28	..	..	..	..
	on 370a,	2c	10 Hor.	.10	..	.20	..	.20	.30	.20	.30	..	..	..	..
	flat 370b,	2c	10 Vert.	.10	..	.20	..	.20	.30	.20	.30	..	..	..	..
	plates 371a,	3c	10 Vert.	.12	..	.24	..	.24	.35	.24	.35	..	..	..	..
	372a,	4c	10 Vert.	.15	..	.30	..	.30	.45	.30	.45	..	..	..	..
	373a,	5c	10 Vert.	.18	..	.35	..	.35	.53	.35	.53	..	..	..	..
1916,	369a,	1c	10 Hor.	.04	..	.08	..	.08	.12	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Printed 369b,	1c	10 Vert.	.04	..	.08	..	.08	.12	..	..	..	..	..	..
	on 370a,	2c	10 Hor.	.08	..	.16	..	.12	.20	..	..	..	..	..	..
	rotary 370b,	2c	10 Vert.	.08	..	.16	..	.12	.20	..	..	..	..	..	..
	press 371a,	3c	10 Vert.	.12	..	.24	..	.20	.32
	372b,	4c	10 Vert.	.15	..	.30	..	.30	.45
	373a,	5c	10 Vert.	.18	..	.35	..	.35	.50

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Pioneer—A paragraph was crowded out last week telling of the successful aeroplane flight of Victor Carlstrom from Chicago to New York, carrying a bag of mail. The New York Times, under whose auspices Carlstrom made his triumph, says that over 1,000 letters and postals addressed to people in all parts of the country were carried. The Times says: "The mail was received on the aviation field by Assistant Superintendent of Mails, John W. Tiedemann of the New York Post Office, official representative of Postmaster Edward M. Morgan. The pouch was immediately taken to the General Post Office and within less than half an hour after Carlstrom landed, the letters and post cards were being delivered to the New Yorkers to whom they were addressed, while the mail to persons outside New York was sent out on the first trains." Mr. Theodore H. Ames writes to say

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Many—Opportunity of the campaign directed to secure a special stamp to commemorate the admission of Indiana as a state December 11, 1816, and the statement made last August on the authority of Director Ralph that a special stamp would be issued to celebrate Mississippi's entry into the Union, December 11, 1917, Mr. Charles H. Hermann submits a list of coming centennials that afford some excuse for stamp issues. In the aggregate, these coming centennials probably will bring forth some special stamps, but we do not anticipate any extended orgy of issues: Illinois admitted to the Union, Dec. 3, 1818; Alabama was admitted Dec. 14, 1819; Florida purchased from Spain, Feb. 22, 1819; First Steamship crossed the Atlantic, 1819; in 1820 Maine became a state, and in 1821 Missouri joined the sisterhood.

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Spur—An interesting minor variety is shown by Mr. E. A. Steiner in the four cent Columbian. In the oval to the left of the right "4" there is an extra projection or spur, giving a variety that is found rather uniformly in about one out of every ten stamps.

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Remembrance—In Havana, Cuba, a resident mail agency was established and maintained for some time by the United States, but this convenience, intended to safeguard the correspondence of Americans and others and to facilitate its passage, was discontinued on the 30th of June, 1877. This agency was closed in consequence of the admission of the island of Cuba into the Postal Union, which had been organized but a short time before. We are curious what sort of postmark was used on the United States stamps which were dispensed at the agency. An inquirer thinks that a small blue postmark, with the wording, approximately, "U. S. Postal Agency, Havana, Cuba," was used, and we should like confirmation, if possible, of this opinion by some one who is in a position to speak by the book. The subject of resident foreign mail agencies is one that has its fascination for the investigator, but it is somewhat strange that even the keenest students of our stamps have given little

attention to the foreign agencies whose records were made on the earlier United States stamps. The Spanish-American War of 1898 with its extra-territorial postmarks on our stamps excited some interest in the foreign office markings and the postmarks on American stamps of the expeditionary force in China later, further fixed the foreign postmark in the collecting mind. However, it is not these later varieties that we intend to speak of, but those of an earlier period. Having had perhaps as many of these old markings pass through our hands as the next man, and having been interested in the foreign postmarks for years, we venture to make a few observations of a general rather than specific nature.

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Cities—Our postal agencies in China and Japan were authorized many years ago, and while Yokohama, Japan, and Shanghai, China, were the central agencies, branch agencies at other ports in China and Japan were to be established if it should be deemed necessary for the prompt and efficient management of the postal service in those countries, to quote the words of the post office department. The two agencies named have long been regarded with interest commingled with pride, and it is to be added that the agency at Shanghai still is in existence and has the distinction of being the only "foreign part" from which matter may be mailed under American stamps. It is understood that no branch offices of the Shanghai and Yokohama agencies were organized. By decree, resident postal agents were named at the ports of Aspinwall and Panama in "New Grenada," or Colombian Republic as we know it; and at St. Thomas and Havana. The postmaster general was deputed to appoint resident agents "at such other foreign ports at which United States mail steamers touch to land and receive mails, as may, in his judgment, promote the efficiency of the foreign mail service; and may pay agents, employed at such points out of the appropriation for transportation of the mail a reasonable compensation for their services." Agents were named at other ports of call to loan security to the handling of the mails, and even Turkey has been included, as we had the Constantinople agency postmark on the one and three cent design, 1870 issue. The expansion of the Postal Union and the general tendency to respect the inviolacy of the international mails were the chief causes that contributed to the discontinuance of the foreign agencies.

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Sea—While on the topic of foreign postmarks on U. S. stamps, it is to be said that the postmaster general early in the '70's, we believe, was instructed

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by Mr. Berkeley to print an issue of stamps with their printing press, which they agreed to do. The only paper obtainable immediately was foreign note paper, as it required several months in those days to procure supplies from England or the Coast. The issue was finally printed and turned over to the Treasurer, Mr. George Douglas Smith, at Port Alice.

It was during the early part of the year 1897, the Administration, for Statistical purposes, wished to know the revenue being locally derived through the Post Office department, and in order to differentiate between the local and foreign sales the question was put up to myself, I having been attached *pro tem* to the Treasury as Cashier and Storekeeper, and my suggestion was to mark stamps for local purposes with an 'L'; this suggestion met with ready approval, and I forthwith cut out an 'L' from a common rubber eraser with my pocket knife. I do not remember the number of stamps so superscribed."

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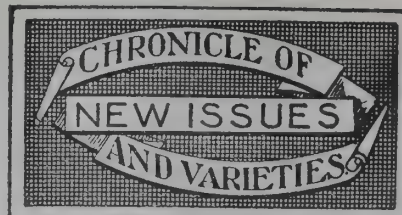
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2c	G	7		Amber	19 51
2c	A2	3		White	20 92

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1½d". Varieties can be expected, for the Government Printer is not having the same success with the War Stamps of Jamaica, as with the 4800 "One Halfpenny" on 1d Cayman Islands, back in 1907, in which occurred not even a minor variety.—HARRY E. HUBER.

DOMINICA.—Regulations passed in this Island provide for a war tax of ½d on all letters to the British Empire, inland letters and those for the Leeward Islands being excepted. A new printing of the ½d view stamp, in deep green, has been overprinted WAR TAX —ONE HALFPENNY in small sans serif caps. The overprint is in red, and applied to complete sheets of 60. There is a minor variety in which the letter "O" of "ONE" is dropped slightly below the line. According to official advice from Roseau, this stamp was first placed on sale September 1st, and the quantity received in the first consignment, 250,000. The war stamp may be used interchangeably with the ordinary ½d stamp.—HARRY E. HUBER.

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The 3d War Stamp on yellow paper colored through has also appeared with the overprint in two lines, instead of one, like the ½d value previously announced.

NEWS CLEANINGS.

—The American Stamp Dealers' Association will hold their annual convention in New York City on December 1-3. It is hoped that a large number may attend, and all are invited. If you can attend, write the president, John A. Klemann, 118 Nassau St., N. Y. City.

—W. F. Gregory sends us an item about stamps used in large blocks. In 1903 Mr. Gregory received from an export house an envelope, about size 5, with 125 stamps attached. They were the 4c green Colombian Republic and an entire sheet of 100 and a block of 25 were used, making a 5 pesos rate of postage. This interesting cover is in the collection of Hon. E. R. Ackerman.

—An interesting cover is sent us by the Edgewood Stamp Co. It is a Lourenzo Marques cover with interesting censor markings and seal and upon it is a specimen of the new 1c war tax stamp.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from T. H. Ames, H. F. Rech, Mrs. E. W. Oughtred, Allen S. Davenport, C. B. B. Wright and Morton Smith.

—C. V. Webb, Sec'y S. P. A., Perry, O., urges us to call attention of our S. P. A. readers to the fact that last forms for the Year Book close Nov. 30. Only paid up members will be listed in the 1917 Year Book, which will be out January 1.

—H. E. W., Jr.—The Postage Stamps of Canada will shortly be published in booklet form. The price will probably be 25c. We know of no sectional stamp societies in Canada. There are, however, some flourishing local clubs, the one at Winnipeg being strong and influential.

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

St. Vincent, in the Caribbean, far removed from the seats of the great European war, was one of the first Colonies to suffer from the interruption of communication with the mother country. Owing to delay in receiving a new supply of the current 1d George from the Crown Agents, the stock on hand became exhausted, and surcharging was necessary.

The stamp selected to receive the surcharge was the 1s black on green, of the line-engraved King George series of 1913. This stamp had been replaced in June, 1914, by a printing in bistre brown, the reason for the change being that the black ink of the cancelling stamp did not show up to good advantage. This one series does duty for both postage and revenue, and pen cancellations might easily be removed and the stamp used a second time without detection.

The 1s black on green was surcharged in red "ONE PENNY," two lines, in heavy block sans serif type, with a narrow bar underneath cancelling the original value.

For this surcharging two handstamps were made, one showing "ONE ONE," and the other "PENNY. PENNY," with a narrow bar extending the width of two stamps, so that to surcharge a stamp two operations were necessary. Two stamps at a time received the surcharge "PENNY. PENNY," with the underline throughout the sheet of 120, and then by means of the "ONE ONE" handstamp in the same manner the sheet was completed. The space between the two lines varies anywhere from $6\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 mm. A more tedious method of surcharging could hardly be found than the one used, and much time must have been consumed in making this issue.

The stock of 1s at the Kingstown Post Office consisted of 37 sheets, and these were first surcharged and placed on sale January 30, 1915. No restriction was made as to the number of stamps which could be bought by each applicant, with the result that the stock was cleared out that day.

During the following week, the stocks of the 1s on green in the Post Offices in the outlying districts of the Island were recalled and surcharged. These numbered 11,150, and were placed on sale February 6th. Though orders were given that not more than 30 stamps should be sold to each applicant, the surcharged stamps were exhausted in a few hours. The total issue amounted to 15,590.

In spite of the manner of surcharging, there are not as many varieties as might be expected. Copies are known with double impressions of the word "ONE," and others show two impressions of the "PENNY." portion. Also are known a block of nine, one without the surcharge, and a larger block in which four stamps are without the word "ONE."

When the stamp first appeared in this country, \$5.00 was asked for it, but with subsequent supplies the price fell to around \$1.00. Large quantities are still held locally for speculative purposes, and when these come on the market, perhaps there will be another drop in price.

Naturally, when dealers and collectors wrote out for supplies of these stamps, there were none to be had at the Post Office, but the Postmaster seems to have referred such letters to one of the local purchasers of these stamps. This action on the part of the Postmaster being a little irregular, suggested the possibility of collusion with local speculators.

The matter was brought to the attention of the Secretary of State for the Colonies in London, and information was requested by him of the Governor of the Windward Islands, of which St. Vincent is one. The findings were that the Postmaster had merely performed an act of courtesy, with no speculative intention, but instructions have been issued forbidding the Postmasters to extend such information in the future.

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This stamp, like the 1d on 1s, was handstamped, the handstamp being made up with the overprint in duplicate, so that two stamps were surcharged at one operation. The left-hand setting of the handstamp showed a comma after the word "STAMP," while the right-hand setting showed a period. Thus every other stamp in the first printing (numbering some 20-odd thousand stamps) showed the comma variety.

Two other printings were made, but the handstamp was corrected to show periods in both right and left-hand settings. Stamps are known with double impressions in both the first and subsequent printings.

In the latter part of August, the London overprinted stamps arrived, and were immediately placed on sale. The stamp is deep red in color, and the overprint "WAR STAMP" (without the troublesome period) is in one line of condensed sans serif type. A full sheet of 120 stamps (not divided into panes) was surcharged at one operation.

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The first adhesive stamp was introduced in England in 1840, and soon came into popular favor. Other nations soon availed themselves of this convenience and the American people also wished to make use of the new invention, since it was proving itself a great success wherever used.

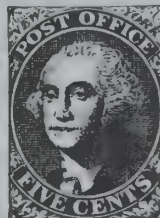
However, the United States post office was somewhat slow to adopt new ideas in those days, and there were a great many people who looked upon stamps with disfavor, considering them "crazy notions" and impractical. This is not surprising, for history shows that every great invention has been treated likewise. The first man to wear rubber overshoes was jeered at, and the first motor car was made the butt of many a joke.

In 1845, Congress passed a bill fixing a standard rate of 5c on each single letter carried a distance of not over three hundred miles, and 10c for any distance over three hundred miles. A single sheet of paper, weighing not over one-half ounce was considered a single letter. A two-page letter, or letter and envelope, was considered a double letter, and charged for at double rates. Printed matter was handled at somewhat lower rates. Envelopes were somewhat of a novelty at that time, and were not in general use. In place of an envelope, the paper was folded and sealed, with the address written on the out-side.

Shortly after the passage of this act, postmasters of the various cities decided to issue stamps at their own expense, for the convenience of the public. These stamps were accepted for postage only at the office of issue, but would carry a letter to any other office. In other words, a letter franked with a Provi-

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In 1846, Postmaster Welcome B. Sayles, of Providence, R. I., issued stamps of the denominations of 5c and 10c. A very small number of used copies of the 5c are known, but used copies of the 10c are practically non-existent. A quantity of remainders were put in circulation from a supply in the possession of the retired postmaster and also from a package of these stamps given one of the carriers at the time they were put out of issue. The original plate was found in the postmaster's effects and reprints have been made from this plate. These latter bear the initials B O G E

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One of the most unique of the provisionals is the Annapolis envelope. This envelope is embossed with a seal inscribed "Post Office Annapolis" and bears in addition the words "5 paid". The authenticity of this envelope is questioned, as only one copy has been found to date.

The very old autograph issue of Baltimore was put on sale early in 1846. The design was very simple, consisting merely of a reproduction of the signature of James M. Buchanan, Postmaster, and the value "5 cents" or "10 cents" as the case may be. These stamps are among the rarities of United States. Being printed from hand engraved plates, there are minor differences in each copy.

Envelopes to the value of five cents and ten cents were also issued by this postmaster, bearing his signature and the inscription "Paid 5" or "Paid 10". Various colors of stock were used. These also are extremely rare.

The "Paid 5 cents" stamp of Boscawen, N. H., is one of the most crudely executed stamps ever issued, and also one of the very rarest of all stamps, since only one copy is known to exist. Owing to the publicity this stamp has had, it is doubtful if there are other copies, as they would have come to light before this. This stamp was made from type very carelessly set, so careless in fact that the word "cents" is not even in alignment. The paper used was a coarse tissue of very poor quality. However, since these provisional stamps were printed at the postmaster's expense, and as Boscawen was a very small office, the postmaster would scarcely be justified in issuing a costly stamp. Even as crude as it is, many collectors would be glad to pay a small fortune for a copy of this rarity.

The provisional issue of Brattleboro, Vermont, is of interest to all collectors, owing to the wide publicity it has had. This stamp, in the denomination of five cents, was printed from a copper engraved plate, in black on thick buff wove paper. All copies were initialed by the postmaster. These stamps have been widely studied and discussed in the philatelic press.



The five cents provisional stamp issued in 1846 at Lockport, New York, is another item of greatest rarity. The history of this stamp is practically unknown. The words "Lockport, N. Y." in double lined oval are handstamped in dull red. The word "Paid" is handstamped within the smallest oval, in the same shade of red, while the value "5" is written in script in black ink. This is another stamp that will never grace the

collection of even the collector who puts his stamps before his purse.

The Millbury, Massachusetts, provisional is somewhat more pretentious than many of the others. The postmaster, being of progressive turn of mind, decided to issue a stamp similar to the New York stamp for his town, and accordingly had a wood cut made in Boston, bearing the inscription "Post Office" and "Paid 5 cents" in a double circle, with a crude picture of Washington in the center. These stamps were printed one at a time on a hand-press, a method that would be somewhat unsatisfactory in the present day. Very few copies of this stamp are known.



The New Haven provisional envelopes were issued in 1845, chiefly for the convenience of the public who wished to mail letters after the office closed. These envelopes were furnished by the public and stamped by the postmaster with a brass die, inscribed "Post Office New Haven Ct. 5 Paid — P. M." in five lines set in heavy and light rule, much like the common labels in use to-day. Each envelope was signed on the blank line by E. A. Mitchell, postmaster. Reprints from the original die have been made, some having Mr. Mitchell's own signature, and some with forged signature. The reprints can be readily distinguished from the genuine.

There is little necessity to go into the details of the Saint Louis provisional stamps. Three denominations, a 5c, 10c and 20c, were issued, and were used quite extensively by various business houses. Several large finds of these stamps have been made, and they have been re-constructed into the original plates and much studied and written about, so collectors interested can readily find the information they desire in the more exhaustive articles. Pairs and strips of these stamps are not uncommonly found in the upper realms of philately.



Provisional issues are also claimed to have been issued at Philadelphia, Pittsfield and Worcester, Massachusetts, and Washington, D. C., but as none of these stamps have ever been found, little can be said of them. Owing to the fact that most of these stamps were issued in very small quantities and that stamp collecting was little known for many years after this period, it is not surprising that many of these stamps escaped notice and are out of existence. (To be continued.)

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CHAPTER III—Tax Schedules of 1862.

We are indebted to "A Manual of the Direct and Excise Tax System of the United States" published by Little, Brown & Co., of Boston in 1863 and revised in 1866, for the tax schedules and certain other information regarding the first issue. The author was Hon. George S. Boutwell, Commissioner of Internal Revenue at the time. He states regarding the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1862, "The stamp tax took effect nominally October 1, 1862, but a full supply of stamps was not available until January 1, 1863, and the use of stamps was not made imperative by law until June 1, 1863." Continuing, he states, "The preparation of revenue stamps early engaged the attention of the commissioner. By the provisions of the law it was necessary that each stamp should indicate upon its face the nature of the paper or instrument to which it was to be applied. This requisition involved the preparation of a large number of engravings and dies which were to be dissimilar in design or in appearance. As the time was limited, and in case an attempt should be made to procure stamps of various designs the risk of failure, in some instances at least, would be great, it was thought that the leading feature in each should be the same. Upon consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, (Salmon P. Chase), the head of Washington after Stuart's painting was adopted. By the first of January, 1863, more than ninety stamps of different designs and denominations had been engraved and prepared for use. It was contemplated by the law that stamped paper should be furnished on which might be written the various instruments subject to stamp duty. It has not yet been found practicable to comply with this requisition. (Signed G. S. B. July 17, 1863.)

From this it might appear Mr. Secretary Chase was responsible for the selection of the three-quarters portrait of Washington that is on all the stamps of the first issue, except the private proprietaries. There is no doubt a profile of Washington had been previously determined upon, for a letter of Butler & Carpenter, dated August 29, 1862, to Commissioner Boutwell speaks of the one cent and two cent proprietary as being engraved, except the wording, with the profile view, and of Mr. Carpenter's return from Washington, stopping the work on the profile dies and hastening the preparation of the other design.

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Discovery—We have just seen a piece of Confederate currency that we do not remember having noticed before. It is a two dollar bill, the product of Keatinge & Ball, who at one time produced the stamps of the Confederacy. The ten cent, 1863, in entire sheet, with the Keatinge & Ball imprint and plate-number is not uncommon. The bill which is dated Columbia, S. C., March 15th, 1864, reads: "Due by Keatinge & Ball, Two Dollars, payable on demand in Confederate Treasury notes, when the sum of Ten Dollars is presented. Keatinge & Ball. No. 92.A." This was an issue of private currency to meet the demand for smaller bills which as engravers, Keatinge & Ball were in a position to prepare for themselves at a minimum of cost and inconvenience.

Scott—The retirement from the stamp business of Mr. J. W. Scott after a singularly long and honorable career, has furnished the theme for many a commentator in the stamp papers from coast to coast, not to say the world. There is no discordant note in the chorus of praise bestowed upon Mr. Scott for the good influence that he has exerted on philately from the beginning. Our word of appreciation was duly recorded but what we wish to say now is that it devolves upon Mr. Scott to write his memoirs, as they would span philately from its founding to the present day. We should say that no story could be of so engrossing interest as Mr. Scott's recital of stamp collecting from the date of its origin to its present estate. For many years Mr. Scott was the most outstanding figure in philately and so thoroughly was he a part of the pursuit that any history of philately would be incomplete without the story of his stamp life. We hope that Mr. Scott will put pen to paper for the benefit of the present generation of collectors and of those who are to come. He is the one man to whom traditions of the past are as familiar as the forms of to-day.

Express—In sending us a number of express labels that were used by the United States Express Company, previously to 1890, for the prepayment of newspapers over its lines from Chicago to Davenport, Iowa, Mr. E. M. White encloses an interesting cover that was

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Approval—When, recently, Mr. Frank Godden announced from London, England, a forthcoming production by N. E. Waterhouse, on the stamps of the United States, no small degree of expectancy was aroused in the minds of collectors in this country. A bit of sentiment entered into our satisfaction that the popularity of our stamps in England is solid enough to sustain a book of the pretentious kind indicated in the advertising, even though it is known that for many years the stamps of the United States have been the favorites of not a few earnest collectors in England. We have realized that there are a number of these collectors there and we have marveled sometimes at their sureness of touch, considering their distance from head-quarters; and among them, N. E. Waterhouse must be given distinguished place. It is to be said that the English writer on United States stamps is not handicapped in one essential regard. He can (or could) gather material in liberal measure to assist in his work, as England was one of the chief entrepôts of United States stamps. "A Comprehensive Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of the United States of America" by N. E. Waterhouse has now appeared and the intent and scope of the work are described in the foreword. It is admitted that the specialist will find "little, if anything, that is new", but it is safe to say that he will recognize the book's value for reference purposes. The stamps are treated in a way to bring the minor or obscurer varieties to the notice of the student of our issues; and a most important consideration is that practically all the stamps are priced, or let us say, appraised. We admire the faith that makes pricing possible, but with recourse to auction prices, when catalogues are lacking, an achievement has resulted that is worth attention. Cancellations, covers, pairs, blocks, etc., are dismissed without extended comment, but some of the marked transfer varieties are described. The author is all too diffident in concluding his introduction with the whimsical observation: "While the work is both excellent and original, the parts which are excellent are not original, and the parts which are original are not excellent!" Historically, the subject is well presented and the work deserves to be called an almost ideal catalogue that is well written up,—in other words, the practical or price is nicely combined with the theory or study.

Close-up—We have spoken at some length of the Postage Stamps of the United States of America for several reasons, one of which is because of the intense interest shown here in the earlier United States issues. We must add that the illustrations are the most attractive feature of the book; they are wonderfully clear and as they are not of the main, but of the less known, and scarcer varieties, their service is the more acceptable. The notes and descriptive text of the book are instructive and in themselves they furnish all justification for the publishing of the volume. While it is possible that a close perusal of the book will reveal much that escapes us in the casual notice that has been given it, we do not hesitate to recommend the book to all who are interested in the stamps of our country. If there is any tendency to err, it will be on the side of caution, we are sure, since we notice that Mr. Waterhouse says that he has been unable to locate more than forty-five plate varieties of the five cent New York. Our readers will remember that some time ago we gave an enlarged illustration of all the fifty plate varieties with full description as to their identity.

Lost—A curious example of stamp estray has come to our notice. We have an envelope addressed to Chicago on which a 2c de p, 1890 Philippine, is canceled: "Street Letter Box, Sept. 6, 1916, Kingston, Jamaica." Naturally enough, the Jamaican authorities did not recognize the validity of the Philippine stamp and postage due was indicated on the envelope. Where did the Philippine stamp come from and what was it doing in Kingston?

Pat—The lamented George Fitch prepared an essay on "Postage Stamps" for his series, Vest Pocket Essays, as syndicated in the newspaper press. A perusal of "Postage Stamps" which has been sent in by several readers, shows that the humorist was not a stranger to the joys and jolts of philately and he cleverly set off the Seebeck situation by saying that some of the Central American republics sold their handsome sets to the dealers by the bale "who retailed them to the perspiring collector who was attempting to keep up with the postage stamp procession."

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characterless—were liars, thieves, or
whatever one cares to imagine. To
stifle opposition to the illegal increase
in his salary, Carlos ordered many of
the newspapers to be suspended; but he
signed his own death-warrant when
on February 1, 1908, he issued a pro-
clamation providing for the arrest and
immediate transportation to Africa of
all political offenders. That afternoon
while driving thru the streets of Lisbon
in an open carriage he and the crown
prince were shot and killed by political
fanatics.

Manuel (issue of 1910), the last of
the Braganzas, was still weaker than
his father, from whom he probably in-
herited his taste for the gay life of Paris.
He fell in love with a singer in the
vaudeville, and presented her with many
valuable jewels. She used the incident
to advertise herself, causing the more
Puritanical of the Republicans in Portu-
gal to criticize the young king caustic-
ally. There was no reason why the
overburdened people of Portugal should
be still heavier taxed to pay for the en-
tertainment of a vaudeville singer. And
as if the country had not suffered
enough humiliation, the Prime Minister,
pledged to Reform, bribed liberally to
carry the elections. And one morning
in October, 1910, King Manuel awoke
to find himself without a kingdom.

NEWS CLEANINGS.

—We are in receipt of greetings from
H. C. Naschke and O. R. Bertram, writ-
ten in the convention hall of the Texas
Philatelic Association at San Antonio
under date of Nov. 13.

—The Elgin Stamp Co. informs us
that owing to illness a delay has been
experienced in the filling of orders. All
matters will soon be attended to.

—The Cleveland Branch of the S. P.
A. held its first meeting Nov. 17 at the
Hotel Startler, when officers were elected
and the machinery put in motion for a
live organization. The call is signed by
Howard W. Coddling.

—We are advised that Geo. Liden of
Minneapolis has found it necessary to
retire from the stamp business for the
next few months. There are several
parties who regret that Mr. Liden did
not arrive at this decision some months
ago.

—The next S. P. A. convention will
be held at Minneapolis-St. Paul, August
7-9, 1917.

—"Papers recently received from
Sweden speak of a projected new issue
in a War Surcharge. The old 5kr.
stamps (with the Stockholm P. O.) also
the remainders of the 1886-91 issue
(numerals) and the Lösen remainders
will all be surcharged with 5 or 10 öre
plus 5 or 10 öre, the additional amount
going to "Beklädnadsföreningen" or the
Society for Providing Clothing for the
Landstrom (Mobilized Citizen Troops)."
—EDWIN P. SEEBOHM.

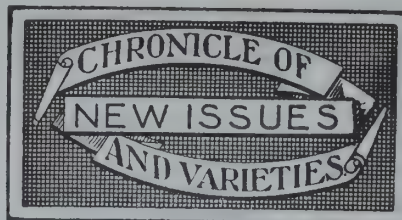
—"Without any intention of unduly
straining the truth, I want to enter here
as a side remark, that the WEEKLY is
as necessary to me as my Meals, and
the equal in interest of any two of the
rest of the newspapers or magazines
that I subscribe for."—J. A. GARRISON.

—President Kissinger of the S. P. A.
visited Secretary Webb at his home in
Perry, Ohio, last week.

—Clippings acknowledged with thanks
from Benj. Cadbury and Mrs. E. W.
Oughtred (2).

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tisements of the company appeared
regularly in this paper. We are glad to
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will be found the initial advertisement.
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stamps and with the large stock that the
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wants of our readers can be supplied.



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received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER,
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should contain a self-addressed stamped en-
velope. We cannot give addresses of our cor-
respondents.

UNITED STATES.—The following new
envelopes are noted by J. M. Bartels:

Issue 1899.					
B. No.	Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk. Kn.
1687A	1c	101	2	Amber	12 78

Issue 1911.

2282A	1c	A	2	Amber	16 79
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The J. M. Bartels Co. reports having
in stock all the stamps on unwater-
marked paper, as editorially chronicled
in No. 1350.

Frederick B. Wiener submits a speci-
men of the current 2c stamp with
Shermack II perforation through the
center of the stamp vertically.

AUSTRIA.—William Steiner has shown
us photographs of new postage and
special delivery stamps for Austria:

Postage—Two designs, one for the
15h and 80h values, similar to 1908
issue, but with figures of value only
once in the center, the portrait being
smaller. The 3kr and 4kr values are
of similar design, but with the Imperial
Arms in the vignette.

Special Delivery—Stamps in the form
of an equilateral triangle with point
downward, the usual inscription running
around the three sides, and the figure
of value in the lower point. The head
of Mercury, facing downward to the
left, is the central picture. Values: 2h
and 5h.

BOSNIA.—We are indebted to William
Steiner for photographs of new postage,
special delivery and postage due stamps
just issued for this country. Colors are
not given, the issues comprising:

Postage—Design similar to the low
values of the 1912 issue, but with smaller
portrait, the value in the center below
portrait, and the inscription "K. u. K.
Militar Post—Bosnian—Hercegovina"
running around the margin, like the
Austrian stamps of 1908. Values: 15h
and 80h.

Special Delivery—Tall oblong, reading
"Militar Post—Eilmarke" above, and
the value below. Head of Mercury
facing downward to the right and light-
ning flashes for the central picture.
Values: 2h and 5h.

Postage Due—Square stamps, with
large colorless figures of value in oblong
octagon tablets; "Militar Post—Posto-
marke" above, and value in small figures
and words at the bottom. Values: 5h,
10h, 15h, 20h, 25h, 30h, 40h, 1kr, 3k.

CANADA.—Arc. Olivier has supplied
the missing Quebec City Tax Ticket
mentioned by Mrs. Oughtred in No. 1350.
It is the familiar strip ticket with octa-
gon corners, reading, "The Cent for
Hospitals and Charitable Institutions",
with a large Red Cross and the number
on the face. On the reverse the in-
scription reads "Le Sou pour les
Hôpitaux et les Institutions de Charité."
This is the only kind and value in use.

COLOMBIA.—Frederick B. Wiener re-
ports having seen Scott's No. 363,
bisected diagonally and used as a 1c
stamp.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—According to
the Philatelic Gazette, the Dominican
Republic will add a 1/4c stamp to its
list of current stamps.

JAPAN.—Alfred Rasmussen sends the
following communication regarding the
new commemorative issue for Japan, in
commemoration of the official installa-
tion of the Crown Prince:

"This ceremony is to come off Nov. 3,
and in commemoration of which the
Department of Communications will is-
sue commemorative stamps of three

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border. The 10s is in blue and brown.
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ST. KITTS-NEVIS.—J. A. Galbraith has
shown us the war stamp for this Colony,
the 1/2d stamp (telescope design) having
been overprinted "War Tax" in a single
line in black.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.—J. A. Gal-
braith has shown us a Red Cross stamp,
which was only on sale for one day,
though equal quantities were distributed
to all post offices. The date when they
were on sale, "19.10.16" appears across
the stamp, a large Red Cross with thin
black border being overprinted in the
lower corner, covering the shield and
most of the knees of the Goddess.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—J. A. Galbraith has
shown us two war stamps from this
Colony, the 1d scarlet and 3d violet on
yellow King George having been over-
printed "War Stamp" in a single line in
black.

WURTEMBERG.—New postage and of-
ficial stamps have been issued for
Wurtemberg, according to photographs
shown us by William Steiner, though
as Imperial stamps have been used for
postal purposes since 1902, the above
implies a radical change of policy.
There are two designs, one reading
"Bezirksmarke" and the other "Staats-
marke". The first is a horizontal oblong,
showing the Royal arms on a colored
ground with the dates "1891" and "1916"

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at either side. "Wurtemberg" appears at the top and "Bezirksmarke" at the bottom. The value is printed in upper corners, and small crosses in the bottom corners.

Values: 2 1/2pf, 7 1/2pf, 10pf, 15pf, 20pf, 25pf, 50pf.

The second design is much more attractive, showing a finely engraved portrait of the King, with the dates "1891" and "1916" in small figures above the shoulders; the value in the upper corners, with "Staatsmarke" between and "Wurtemberg" at the bottom.

Values: 2 1/2pf, 7 1/2pf, 10pf, 15pf, 20pf, 25pf, 30pf, 40pf, 50pf, 1m.

The official stamps are of the familiar designs:—

Scott's 01—2 1/2pf, 7 1/2pf, 15pf.

Scott's 02—2 1/2pf, 7 1/2pf, 15pf.

NEW ZEALAND NOTES.

The effect of the war on paper and dies, and our increased war taxes, have manifested themselves very patently on our New Zealand stamps, especially on the King George issue. Taking the values seriatim which have been mainly effected, we have:—

First, the 1 1/2d.—When the plate for this value was ordered from London, it was thought few would be used, but the value was necessary for parcels, the postage of which advanced by 1 1/2d per pound; but the ordinary letter rate was increased to 1 1/2d for four ounces and this at once caused a huge demand for 1 1/2d stamps. The fine recess plate soon went to pieces and recourse was had to a new locally-made surface-printing die. In the meantime, another surface-printing plate was ordered from London; this is now being used and is a great improvement on the local effort. We thus have three very distinct types of the 1 1/2d stamp.

Secondly, the 2d.—This was also a recess plate from London. When ordered, the stamp duty on receipts was only 1d. This was increased to 2d, as a war tax, and this plate also could not stand the heavy extra printing. Moreover, the colour, mauve, was bad for writing on, so was changed to yellow. A new surface printing plate was therefore also ordered for this value and has just been put to use. There are, therefore, three distinct types of the 2d.

Thirdly, the 4d.—The 2d being changed to yellow absolutely necessitated a change of colour from the 4d. This value is now in mauve.

We understand the Government Printing Office was getting very low in paper, so recourse was had to the old pictorial paper, with the result that some stamps show no watermark and some have watermark split, whilst some are normal. The values we have seen on this special paper are:—

1 1/2d, No. 1 type, from London plate,

2d yellow, from London plate.

3d brown, " " " "

6d rose, " " " "

8d Edward.

In the way of general news we may say that:—

1. Official £1 have ceased to exist. Reminders have all been destroyed. This value was used to prepay postage on large lots of Government circulars, etc.

2. The officials now on issue are: King George 1 1/2d, 1 1/2d (local plate), 2d, 3d, 6d, 1sh; Dominion 1d, Edward 8d, and Queen's Head 2sh and 5sh. The 1 1/2d from local plate should be scarce, as we expect this value from new London plate any time.

Aitutaki.—6d Edward should never be catalogued. We can absolutely prove that not a single copy of these 6d ever reached the Island of Aitutaki. They were all sold at Auckland post office, and bought by a few speculators. If ever a stamp should be turned down, this is one.

Stamps out here and in Australia have held their own wonderfully since the Great War broke out. Prices are as good as ever, even better, and all fine goods are readily snapped up; wholesale trade has not been very brisk, but this is owing to loss of the European markets, although America has assimilated very big lots from us.—Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.

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2829	6c Inland Exch., orange	.18 .10
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2836	10c Power of Atty., blue	.08 .03
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2854	50c Entry of Goods, blue	.08 .02
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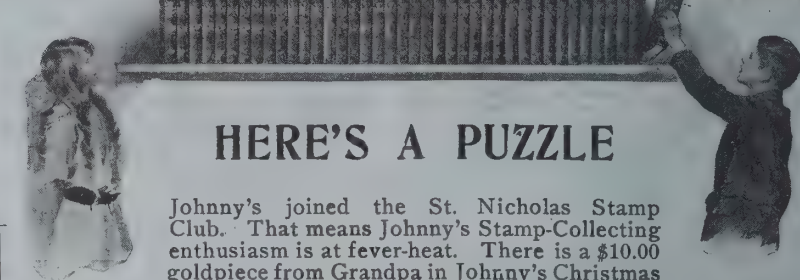
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CHAPTER XXIII—(Continued).



The portrait of Jacques Cartier on the 1c is precisely like that which appears on Canada's first 10d stamp. In *Gibbons' Stamp Weekly* for January 16th, 1909, the following interesting account of Cartier's voyage appears:—

In the year 1533 Jacques Cartier was empowered by Philipp Cabot, "the Admiral of France," to fit out ships "to explore new territories, to gain them, by robbery or otherwise, for France, and at the same time to endeavour to find a north-west passage to Cathay". As long before as 1506 the Florentine explorer, Giovanni Verozzani, had seized the territories of North America lying to the north of the St. Lawrence River in the name of the King of France, but the seizure had never been enforced, and remained a seizure only in name.

On this, his first voyage, Cartier discovered Newfoundland, and, sailing on, anchored off the northerly coast of the Gaspé Peninsula, by which the River St. Lawrence sweeps into the gulf of the same name. The season was very late, however, and bad weather was to be expected, so Cartier was obliged to set sail for France without delay. He took with him to France two sons of an Indian chief, and they caused great excitement in Paris.

King Francis I was so pleased with this exploit that on October 31, 1534, he nominated Captain Jacques Cartier to be "Royal Pilot" (*Pilote Royale*), and had three more ships prepared for him to make a second voyage to Newfoundland. Preparations for the departure were hurried on at St. Malo, Cartier's birthplace,

and at the beginning of May all was ready for the departure.

Three ships took part in the voyage, viz.: *La Grande Hermione*, *La Petite Hermione*, and *La Hermionette*. The first two were vessels rated at 120 and 80 tons respectively, and the last was a galleon of 40 tons. On the after part of the first two vessels there were no less than three decks as superstructure, while forward there was only one deck. They were provided with the full naval armament of the sixteenth century; on the gunwale were mounted small cannon, and also a battery of mortars or similar weapons.

The galleon was a long slender ship of extremely low freeboard, rakish rigged as a single-master, both sails and oars being used as a means of propulsion; two small cannon were mounted forward, and a round dozen arquebuses were also carried. The total company and passengers of the three ships were only 110 all told.

On the morning of May 19th, 1535, the little flotilla set forth on its long voyage of exploration after having saluted the town with every gun on board.

On September 14th of the same year Cartier sighted land, which spread itself out on either side of the ships as far as the eye could reach, and found signs of a village; the place was called Canada by the natives, the meaning of the word in the native language being "The Town". This village was the seat of "government", and was occupied by an Indian chief called Donnacona; it was situate right on the shore of the bay formed by the junction of the rivers St. Charles and St. Lawrence. The village seemed to consist of huts built irregularly on the steep sides of a mountain, the spot later being the position of the southerly and easterly quarters of Quebec.

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on the 1c denomination, was born in 1570 and died in 1635. Again we are indebted to the article in *Gibbons' Stamp Weekly* for the following particulars:—

In 1603 he was commissioned by King Henry IV of France to found a settlement in Canada. On his first voyage he sailed up the St. Lawrence, and established friendly relations with the various native chiefs of the tribes inhabiting the country through which the river flowed. On his second voyage he was accompanied by only thirty people, and on July 3rd, 1608, he landed at the village of Canada, which was mentioned above. His first thought was to find a site suitable for the erection of an "abitation" where he might pass the winter that was coming on. "I could find no more comfortable or better spot than the land around Quebec, where countless nut trees were to be seen," wrote Champlain. That was exactly the same place where Cartier had built his fort sixty years before.

Thanks to extreme industry, winter quarters were rapidly erected. The habitation consisted of three principal buildings, each two stories high. Two of these buildings measured 18 ft. long by 9 ft. wide, and the third, used as a storehouse, was 36 ft. long by 18 ft. wide and had a large cellar. In the first building Champlain lived with a few of the workmen in the lower story; in the other the remaining workpeople lived, and had with them the arms and ammunition of the whole party. An annexe was attached to one of the buildings, and it was used as a smithy; a few of the people also slept there. The whole of the buildings were enclosed by a trench or moat 15 ft. wide and 9 ft. deep, to protect the settlers from the ravages of wild beasts.

Champlain had earthworks thrown up on the inner side of the moat, on which cannons were mounted. Between the encampment and the river there remained a strip only 24 ft. wide; and behind, on the side of the mountain, there was a plot of arable land a little more than 100 ft. long and 60 ft. wide, where Champlain had corn sown and vines planted.



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So early as 1628 Quebec was captured by the English, in spite of Champlain's brave defence; but Canada was restored to France by one of the terms of the Treaty of Saint-Germain-en-Laye, which was concluded in 1632. Richelieu at once sent Champlain back to Quebec as Governor-General of Canada.

Twice more, in 1690 and 1711, the English besieged Quebec, but they were not able to capture the town. But in 1759 General James Wolfe was ordered by Pitt to clear the French right out of Canada. The French troops were under the command of Marquis Ludwig Joseph Montcalm, of Saint-Veran. Although the latter was in command of only a small force, he was able to claim several victories, but finally he was besieged in Quebec by General Wolfe, at the head of 30,000 men. He was obliged to give battle under unequal conditions, and on September 13th was mortally wounded at the battle of the Heights of Abraham and died two days later. The victorious English general was also killed in the same battle.

The names of both these leaders, enemies though they were, have graven themselves inseparably on the memories of the inhabitants of Quebec. In 1827 the Governor of Canada, Lord Dalhousie, erected a marble monument to their memory, on which is a Latin inscription, which may be rendered freely thus:—

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To these questions the Hon. Rudolphe Lemieux, Postmaster-General, responded: The following was the issue to Postmasters of the Tercentenary postage stamps:

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1/2 cent	2,000,000	\$10,000
1 cent	22,530,000	\$225,300
2 cent	35,100,000	\$702,000
5 cent	1,200,000	\$60,000
7 cent	700,000	\$49,000
10 cent	500,000	\$50,000
15 cent	300,000	\$45,000
20 cent	304,200	\$60,840

Totals, 62,634,200 \$1,202,140

The department has no knowledge whether the stamps in question have all been sold, as during their issue the ordinary postage stamps were also on sale, both issues being in use as preferred by the public. The proceeds derived from the sale of stamps of the two issues were not kept separately, but treated as arising from a common source. It is, therefore, impossible to state to what extent the issue of the Tercentenary postage stamps may have affected the ordinary revenue.

The fact that the Prince of Wales was an ardent stamp collector resulted in the presentation to him of a specially mounted set as shown by the following paragraph from the WEEKLY:—

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EDITORIAL.

Novelties—The conviction has been forced home that we are living in an age of the greatest philatelic opportunity in respect to one class of stamps and that is the new issues of war stamps. If the world calamity must have its concomitant in the way of special stamp issues, the philatelist who solidly accepts them as something inevitable does not do them justice. In reality, the war stamps, now so numerous as to be reckoned with as a class, besides having their postal phases epitomize history. Some of us may have been slow to proclaim the attractions of these stamps at first but as one ponders the subject, it becomes incumbent upon one to admit that the war stamps have a singular fascination that will strengthen as the years go on. The war stamps do not tax one's purse and their modest demands should be met willingly. It would seem that the collector who ignores the present war stamps is not taking advantage of all the opportunities now open for certain pleasure and possible profit.

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Indianapolis—Further evidence of the growing activity of Indianapolis as a philatelic center is had in the organization of a new stamp society in that city, called the Lincoln-Harrison Stamp Club, whose "inaugural banquet" was held at the Claypool Hotel on November 10th, 1916. The christening was an enjoyable occasion which attracted the leading philatelists of the city and the attendance of C. W. Kissinger, president of the Southern Philatelic Association, as well. The addresses at the banquet were felicitous and the new club, Dr. R. J. Kemper, temporary chairman and Mr. B. F. Egan, temporary secretary-treasurer, is launched upon a promising career. It is regretted that a detailed account of the banquet which was early in hand has been crowded out of the last two issues.

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Gone—The news of the death of N. W. Chandler, Collinsville, Illinois, which took place several months ago, has reached us only now. For the past ten years or so Mr. Chandler's name and fame have not been brought to the attention of collectors of the present day, but from twenty to thirty years ago, Mr.

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Confederate—Two inquiries have been received asking about the different plates used for the production of the Confederate small 10c blue, 1863, the types A6 and A7 of the catalogue, with particular reference to the Keatinge and Ball printing. We suspect that our questioners have availed themselves of the opportunity that is presented occasionally to acquire full panes of one hundred stamps; and even the full sheets of two hundred stamps come on the market, though somewhat rarely. The first printings by Archer and Daly, Richmond, were from four plates, engraved by Halpin, an engraver of the firm; and when Keatinge and Ball, Columbia, South Carolina, succeeded to the contract, these plates and supplies of paper and ink were despatched to Columbia from Richmond. The approach of the northern forces to Richmond is generally accepted as the reason for awarding the contract to Keatinge and Ball, Columbia, South Carolina, an engraving and printing firm of established reputation. Consequently, the Richmond plates, 1 to 4, inclusive, were used in Columbia and the old marginal inscriptions were replaced by "Keatinge & Ball, Bank Note Engravers, Columbia, S. C.," next to the plate-number. Upon the capitulation of Columbia to General Sherman on February 16, 1865, naturally the printing of the stamps ceased entirely. It is fair to assume that the Keatinge & Ball sheets are somewhat more readily obtainable than the Richmond sheets. It may be added that plates 1 and 2 were of the A7 variety and 3 and 4 of the A6 of the catalogue. In our issue of July 7, 1906, we printed an instructive compilation on the postage stamps of the Confederate States of America from the pen of Royal B. Bradley and in the WEEKLY of September 18, 1909, we reprinted Mr. Crouch's study on the stamps from the *Stamp Lover*.

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Faked—From Mr. Joseph S. Davis, Los Angeles, California, we have received the following informing words: "I

have just been reading the letter of one of your readers regarding the quantity of U. S. proofs, which are, or have been so freely offered at times. Along this line of inquiry, I wish to add that quite a few perforated and gummed split cardboard proofs have passed through approvals and stamp exchange circuits I have seen lately and I am wondering who is engaged in this special line of work." Another reader who directs attention to the same subject says that he has had certain split proofs for twenty years, he having kept these relics of his imposition all these years. We believe that it was about thirty years ago that this form of fraud was introduced, as we remember that about 1890 a certain New Jersey doctor was held responsible for the circulation of this sort of stuff.

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Dinner—The dinner given by the consolidated stamp societies, New York, on November 18th, 1916, was an event that in the parlance of the ecstatic writer is "long to be remembered." The attendance exceeded all anticipations and the sponsors of the festival were pleased at the outpouring of philatelic people. The attendance must have been fully three hundred, a correspondent says, which, in itself, is something of a philatelic achievement. The toastmaster was the venerable J. W. Scott who retired recently from the stamp business after a career that practically spanned the life of philately; and he was the recipient of a silver memento as typifying the esteem of his neighbors for his philatelic virtues and his long allegiance to the hobby through all the years. The demonstration for Mr. Scott was one that was singularly deserved and it did much to loan sentiment to the evening. Another stalwart of philately was honored on the occasion, P. M. Wolsieffer, of Philadelphia, who for over forty years could call himself, with intermissions, we must admit, a stamp dealer. Those who were present at the dinner will have something to remain in memory.

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Guessing—While the thought of the dependence that some of our readers place on our judgement has its aspect of flattery, yet we must confess that our knowledge of developments is no acuter than that held by many others and that as a rule it is based on information that is generally available. We have requests for valuations on the \$30, \$50, \$60, etc., documentary revenues of the retired issue; and so insistent is the demand for our idea of prices that we shall submit our guess. Condition is a big factor in appraisal and the price of five dollars for the \$30; forty for the \$50; and ten dollars for the \$60, presupposes fine condition. The value of the \$60 documentary is a problem, as

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Early in 1891 the first values of a new series, bearing the portrait of the little queen, were issued. This set consisted of twelve values, from 3c to 2g 50c, the values being the same as in the preceding issue, with the exception of a three cent denomination, which was issued for the first time. These values were issued at various times in the period from 1891 to 1895.

This series resembles the 1872-88 issue bearing the portrait of King William, as the change of portrait was the only variation made, the same frame and tablet designs being retained. The engraving and printing of this series was done, as usual, by J. Enschede & Sons.

To the amateur specialist, this series offers opportunities for shading, as nearly all values exist in various shades ranging from light to dark, due to the different printings made. The colors, like those of the preceding issue, are inclined to be neutral. The collector who mounts this set on a blank album page, will find it desirable to rule a neat border in red and black around the page, as this will greatly improve its appearance by setting off the colors.

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The values from 3c to 1 gulden were perforated 12 1/2 both horizontally and vertically. Essays of the 5c and 20c exist perforated 11 and 11 1/2. Used copies of the 5c value, in orange, the color of the 3c, are known, but these are

essays which have passed through the mails without detection. However, these are quite scarce, and will not come into the hands of many collectors.

In 1896, the 50c, 1 gulden and a new value of 5 gulden, appeared in the large design of the 2g 50c. These are printed in two colors, and present a very handsome appearance. As in the other values, there is considerable range of shade in each color, offering possibilities for the student.

These new values, 50c and 1 gulden, together with the 2g 50c, were perforated 11 1/2 x 11, also 11 only. The 5 gulden value was issued only perforated 11. The five gulden stamp is hard to find in fine condition, and a perfection used copy is a valuable addition to any collection.

On August 31, 1898, Wilhelmina reached the age of eighteen, and on September 6th, she was crowned Queen of the Netherlands. In honor of this occasion, a special stamp of the value of one gulden was prepared and issued.



This stamp is the large green gulden, familiar with almost every collector, as it is quite common and growing more so. The engraving of the portrait was done by J. Vurtheim, of Rotterdam, while the frame was engraved by W. Steelink, of Amsterdam. The printing was done by J. Enschede & Sons.

There are two types of this stamp. In the first type, the figures of value measure 3 3/4 mm. high and 2 3/4 mm. wide, and are close to the bottom of the frame, while the word "gulden" is in thin type. This variety is quite scarce used, though Gibbons prices it at 2sh 6d unused, while the second type is priced at 3sh 6d unused with the 11 1/2 x 11 perforation. Type one is known only with the 11 1/2 x 11 perforation.

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In 1899, an entirely new series was issued, from 1/2c to 5 gulden. The values of 1/2c, 1c, 2c, and 2 1/2c feature a large numeral of value in the center of a somewhat simple frame, and were engraved by Enschede & Son, who did the printing of the entire series as well.



The values above 2 1/2c bear a portrait of the queen, in royal robes and wearing her crown. The engraving of the portrait was done by M. E. Mouchon, of Paris, while the engraving of the frame was the work of Enschede.

The 2 1/2 gulden and 5 gulden values were issued in the design of the 1 gulden coronation stamp mentioned above. There are no type varieties of consequence.

As in the previous issues, the colors of this series are dull, though the bi-colored values help to brighten the album page bearing this set. This series offers an almost endless array of shades, as each value is to be had in several distinct tints, and the fact that all can be had for a few cents makes it a most fertile set for the specialist to work on. Nearly all of the values of this series are current, and many have been affected by the dye shortage caused by the war. The collector using a blank album page for this set will find that it, too, is brightened by the use of a red and black rule border.

In 1901, the color of the 3c stamp was changed from orange to green. In 1906, a new value, 17 1/2c, was added for the first time, being of the same design as the adjoining values. This stamp was first issued in mauve, but in 1910 the color was changed to ultramarine, with center in black. As it is a value that is used very little, the mauve stamp is quite desirable and seldom met with in quantity.

In 1908, a stamp of the denomination of 1 1/2c was issued, in design corresponding to the other low values. This stamp was issued in a distinct blue, but has been recently changed to ultramarine. The difference can, of course, be readily distinguished.

Two other important changes in color were made in 1908, the 15c value being changed from yellow brown to blue and carmine—a decided improvement, making it a very handsome stamp, while the 20c was changed from yellow green to olive green with center in gray, also an improvement.

In 1910, a further high value appeared. The ten gulden stamp was added to the set for use on heavy parcels requiring large amounts of postage. The design of the other gulden stamps was retained, and the orange color makes this very scarce stamp a most handsome specimen of the engraver's art. This stamp is almost the scarcest item to be had in Netherlands, and the very high price that used copies are bringing at auction is sufficient proof of its rarity.

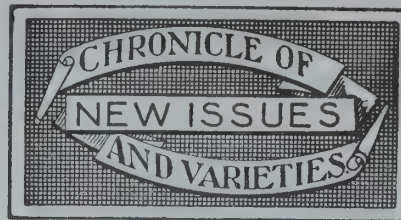
In 1907, a short series of three values, 1/2c, 1c, and 2 1/2c, were issued to commemorate the Naval Jubilee held in honor of Admiral M. A. de Ruyter. More concerning his series will be given at an early date, in a special item.

The one hundredth anniversary of the reign of the house of Nassau-Orange was celebrated in 1913, and a series of twelve values was issued to mark the event in stamp collectors' minds. Four designs were issued, picturing the four rulers of the house of Nassau-Orange. William I, who aided materially in forming the present kingdom of Netherlands, is featured on the 2 1/2c, 12 1/2c, and 1 gulden. William II, who won fame as commander of the Army of the Netherlands at the Battle of Waterloo, and second ruler of the Netherlands, is shown on the 3c, 20c, and 2 1/2 gulden. William III, whose face is so familiar to all collectors, is shown on the 5c, 25c, and 5 gulden values. Wilhelmina is pictured on the remaining values of 10c, 50c, and 10 gulden.

The Nassau-Orange series has proven to be much in demand, and collectors are eagerly seeking the higher values. The market on this series is somewhat unsettled at the present time, as there are rumors of remainders which may be sold by the thrifty Dutchmen. However, the quantity of these will be small, and the stability of the high values is almost a certainty.

There are very few minor varieties in this issue, as the series was in use for so short a time that few shades were created, and there are no important type varieties discovered as yet.

With the exception of the change of the 50c value from bronze-green and red-brown to gray and violet, the Nassau-Orange series may well end this chronicle of the stamps of Netherlands, though let us hope that it will not end the issues of the stamps of this little nation, whose philatelic issues are as clean as the much-scrubbed homes of its people.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—J. M. Bartels writes as follows:

In addition to dies A and B, Two Cents, of the present issue, two new circular dies have appeared, to be known hereafter as Die C and Die D respectively. The characteristic features of each die are:

*Die C.—Very fine lettering similar to Die C of the 1907, 2c. Inner circle and those containing numerals are also thin lines.

"U" of UNITED far from left circle. Wide space between final "D" of UNITED and "S" of STATES.

"O" of POSTAGE a large wide open letter.

Numerals well centered and some distance from the thin lines of circle.

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"N" and "T" wide at base.

Die D.—Heavy lettering similar to Dies A and B.

"C" of CENTS very close to left circle.

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"U" nearer left circle.

"D" of UNITED and "S" of STATES nearer than in the other dies.

*The Post Office Department makes the statement that Die C is the one die which was rejected in this series. It was used inadvertently and immediately discontinued.

Mr. Bartels also reports the following new envelopes:—

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2c	D	7	White	19	96
2c	D	8	White	19	91
2c	A	7	Buff	20	51

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Cuba, 1914 Map, 50c orange, .12
Cuba, 1914 Map, \$1.00 gray, .28
Cuba, 1910 Special Del., bi-color, .06
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Austria Newspaper 1908, 2, 6, 10, 20h, set, .03
Japan 1913, 1s to 1 yen, set complete, .35
1914, 1s to 5 yen, set 12 var., .20
Canada 1912, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 20c set, .06
Panama '09-11, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c, set, .10
Tunis, Post. Packet 5c to 2fr, 9 var., .20
Geo. T. Simpson, 433 Pearl St., Buffalo, N.Y. *

*1916 North West Pacific 1, 1, 2p, .15
*1916 Br. Hond., Net surch. 1c War in blk., .03
*1916 Barbados, 21p blue, .08
*1902 Peru, 22c green, .05
Kay, 122 E. Washington Lane, Germantown, Pa. *

Mexico War Souvenirs, Villa Money.
One each, 25c, 50c, \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20 Villa bills sent you for 7 2c stamps. C. K. Perring, 308 Trust Bldg., El Paso, Tex. [54]

2 var. Libia, on 10+5, 20+5 Italy, red cross. Scarce uns. mint, o. g., 15c. V. W. ROTNEM, Mabel, Minn.

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Make cash offers for 1000 vars. of precans.; 432 vars. precan. on parcel post, 3c (1s); 3c (2s); 2c (3s); Dr. K. & Co. on U. S. postage. All fine. C. E. Stebbins, Binghamton, N. Y. *

CANADA.—We are indebted to Mrs. E. W. Oughtred for a specimen of the new 3c stamp printed in coil form. The stamp is postmarked from the Toronto office.

GERMANY.—This country having increased its domestic postal rates 50%, the issue of new values of postal cards becomes necessary. Mr. Schachne reports two new cards, with divided obverse:

Post Cards.

71pf orange on buff.
71pf orange on buff.

GERMAN EAST AFRICA.—Maury's *Collectionneur* notes that all values, 5c to 5fr, of the current stamps of Belgian Congo have been overprinted with the following bi-lingual inscriptions, each being in two lines in black condensed Gothic capitals. The inscriptions are arranged horizontally or vertically, according to the shape of the stamps: "East Africain Allemand—Occupation Belge." "Deutsch Oost Afrika—Belgische Bezetting."

MEXICO.—Hermann Focke has shown us two new provisionals with the surcharge of the type of that on Scott's No. 529 to 533.

Provisional Adhesives.

On Scott's No. 432.

25c on 5c orange; green surcharge.

On Postage Due, No. 802.

1p on 4c blue; carmine surcharge.

In regard to the above, Mr. Focke writes:

"The postage for inland letters and those for the United States and Canada has been raised in Mexico from 25c to 1 peso, and it seems that the supply of the 1915 stamp of this denomination, with picture of the Vera Cruz Lighthouse, is too small to fill the requirements, and we have today the first provisional of this value."

NETHERLANDS.—Mr. Schachne reports the following new cards, all of which have the divided front:

Post Cards.

2c yellow brown on cream.

3c green on gray.

2x2c yellow brown on cream.

3x3c green on gray.

PORTUGUESE INDIA.—Maury's *Collectionneur* reports the issue of a provisional stamp for this Colony, pending the receipt of a new printing of the 6r values, which has become exhausted.

Provisional Adhesive.

6r on 8t plum.

SALVADOR.—Hermann Focke has shown us four values of a new and handsome series of stamps from this Republic. The central design (the National Theatre at San Salvador) is the same for all values, but the frames differ materially. The stamps are beautifully engraved and printed as usual with the work of the American Bank Note Co. They are printed on unwatermarked paper and perforated 12.

Adhesives.

1c blue green.

2c vermilion.

5c dark blue

6c violet.

10c sepia.

12c dark violet.

17c orange.

25c dark brown.

29c black.

50c gray.

The entire set has also been issued with surcharge "Oficial" in various colors for official use.

SWITZERLAND.—According to Maury's *Collectionneur*, this country has a new series of stamps under way, which for some unexplained reason will not be issued until the end of the war.

A. B. C. Packet M.111 contains 22 Mexico 25c. If you liked U.31 and C.91, try this one. W. E. Gardiner, 9 Pemberton St., Prov., R.I.*

Precanc. Chicago 1-50c, 15 varieties, .15
Jersey City 1, 2, 4c, 5, 8, 10, 15, .12
New York 1-30c, 14 var., .12
Egypt O. H. H. S. 1907, 1, 2, 3, 5, 1, 5pia, 12
1914, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, .08
Brazil 186, 187, 188, 194, 195, .22
Montenegro 1907, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 50, 20
New Zealand K. E. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 1sh, 35
Japan Coronation 1, 3, 4, 10, .20
Panama 1915, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, .12
Sweden 10-15, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 1k 15
Postage extra under 50c.

Jos. Trauner, 1134 Farm Rd., Secaucus, N.J. [tf]

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Have You Any Confederate Covers?

If so, I will buy the general issues in any quantity. I want one hundred copies of the "Ten", also one hundred copies of the "Outer Line." How many can you supply? I will pay current auction prices for fine copies.

Write what you have to offer naming lowest price, or forward to me by registered mail enclosing return postage. I am not a dealer but a collector who specializes in U. S. and Confederates. Best of banking references furnished on request.

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THE NEW YORK BANQUET.

The biggest philatelic society dinner ever held in the U. S. took place Nov. 18 in New York City. Besides the Palm Room in the Hotel Endicott, which was filled to its utmost, the Pink Room also was used and some 30 were unable to get accommodations.

At 9 P. M. the chairman, J. W. Scott, called the diners to order and extended the committee's greeting. The speakers of the evening were:—P. M. Wolsieffer, A. C. Stewart, Toledo, Ohio, C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa., C. R. Goetz, Charles Ploch and H. H. Wilson, New York City. When the demi tasse was served the chairman called upon J. C. Morgenthau to say a few words and Mr. Scott was the most surprised man at the dinner. Mr. Morgenthau presented Mr. Scott, on behalf of his many friends, a handsome solid silver tea set on his retirement from the stamp business and as a memento of his long and faithful service to philately. A standing toast was drunk and the orchestra played "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

J. M. Bartels was called upon to say a few words and in his remarks he moved that the committee stand as a whole for a similar affair to be held in 1917. After the dinner there was dancing. Everybody of prominence in stampdom in New York and vicinity was present.

THE HOUSE OF CHARLAT.

For some time we have been trying to persuade L. W. Charlat that he should advertise in the WEEKLY. We knew he had the stock and with our buying list of subscribers, we have been desirous of their meeting him on a common ground. The quarter page advertisement this week is only the beginning of activities. Mr. Charlat has made several important purchases and his stock has become greatly enriched. He has a fine location at 537 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City.

A nicely printed catalog for 1917 has just been issued by Mr. Charlat. It covers a wide range of offerings in stamps and stamp supplies. We shall hope to have Mr. Charlat with us frequently during the winter season.

A REPREHENSIBLE PRACTICE.

(We have received the following letter from a subscriber and consider ourselves in duty bound to give it publication. We are aware that Mr. Ciampolini may have made a mistake when the \$1 price was sent in on the original advertisement, but even so, so long as orders could be filled they should be filled at the advertised price and thus keep faith with the publication and its patrons. Any dealer should do this, even though he lost money by the transaction, and we may add that a recurrence of such an incident cannot pass unnoticed.—Ed.)

"In your issue of Oct. 28 was an adv. of Tunis by F. Ciampolini, which I marked to send for. I bought a postal note (cost 3c) and posted it (cost another 3c); today I received back the postal note and my letter with just the two words at foot, presumably (I am only guessing) "Sold out"!!

In your No. of Nov. 4 is the ad again but price put at \$2.50! I expect a number of replies and dollars were sent in response to the first ad and all served in the same curt style as myself.

Don't you think this is a case for the paper to protect its subscribers from such advertisers as Ciampolini; in all honor he should have stood by his offer. Perhaps he thought I should not see his new ad. I have not replied to him, and shall never again, whatever he may offer.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—We are advised by the Hobby Club of Winnipeg, Can., that a new war tax stamp is soon to be issued. It will be a 4c value and the design will be the familiar one of King George of oblong rectangular shape.

—Theodore Siddall sends us a clipping from a Shanghai paper giving the particulars of a clever conspiracy having for its purpose the forging of Chinese stamps. It appears that seven Chinese have been arrested and the activities of the gang promptly curtailed.

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—H. Wendt, Manila, Iowa, is out after one R. W. Wirt whose address is given as 105 S. Grand St., Enid, Okla. Interested parties will please communicate with Mr. Wendt.

—The first meeting of the Cleveland Branch of the S. P. A. was held Nov. 17, when a constitution was adopted and officers elected. Peter Van Der Kooy was elected president; H. W. Codding, secretary-treasurer; and there are three trustees.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from L. B. Gatchell, Allen S. Davenport, O. R. Bertram (2), Elliot Perry, J. C. Alderson, M. D., and A. C. Monks (2).

—There is a letter at this office for W. Ellery Dennison. Will Mr. Dennison please communicate with us?

—The Economist Stamp Co. is also interested in Gearhart Frantz, to whom reference was made in a recent number of the WEEKLY.

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Nov. 21st, 1916.

President Carpenter called the 368th (regular) meeting of the Society to order at 7.45 p. m. this evening. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved and the Treasurer's monthly statement was read and ordered to be placed on file. The Lantern Committee and the Library Committee reported through their secretaries. The application of Mr. Wm. F. Marquard

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was posted: Mr. Sawyer presented the Club for its collection with about 200 cut square foreign envelopes which were sent to us through him by Mr. S. H. Williams of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. A. P. Brown presented Mr. Daniel F. Kelleher with silver knives, forks and spoons, a gift from some of his many friends in the society and expressed the hope that he and his wife might enjoy many years of happiness together. Mr. Kelleher responded, expressing his gratitude and appreciation of the gift.

Mr. H. F. Bucknam showed his United States and British North American Stamps and Mr. C. B. Moore, those of Germany and its Colonies, Austria, Montenegro, Bulgaria, Crete, Bosnia, etc. There were 35 members and 2 visitors present and from early in the evening until 10 o'clock when the meeting adjourned, both Messrs. Bucknam and Moore were surrounded by them, everyone showing great interest in the exhibitions. The attendance was very gratifying and it is hoped that future meetings will have as large or a larger number present.

FREDERIC W. STILES, Sec.

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In the following notes I have endeavored to provide explanations of all the philatelic terms and expressions that the collector is likely to meet with, to give guides showing how to identify those stamps on which there is no name or on which the name differs very materially from its English designation, explanations of the mottoes and inscriptions which appear on various stamps, geographical and general information regarding all stamp issuing places, notes dealing with the currencies peculiar to particular localities, etc. In fact everything in connection with our hobby that lends itself to dictionary treatment has been included, and the notes have been made as complete as possible so that as a whole they may form a work of reference useful to all classes of collectors.

As this Dictionary will ultimately be published in book form my readers' co-operation is cordially invited. I shall be glad to hear at any time of omissions and corrections so that the necessary alterations may be made before the work is published as a whole.

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(II) A large capital "A" forms the main feature of the design of some of the first Registration stamps for the republic of Colombia. It signifies "Anotacion", the Spanish word for registered.

(III) The 1 lira stamp of Modena, issued in 1852, is watermarked with a large double-lined "A" within a square border. This is the initial of the firm who made the paper, Pietro & Agostino Amici.

A (with Crown).—See CROWN A Watermark.

A & T.—These letters were overprinted on some of the French Colonial stamps of the "Commerce" type for use in the settlements of Annam and Tonquin in 1888.

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ABANCAY.—The capital of the Peruvian department of Apurimac. The name of the town appears on a provisional stamp said to have been issued in 1885 but which is now believed to be bogus. (See also APURIMAC.)

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Imp. or Imperf.—Imperforate

Mm.—Millimetre

Perf. or Pf.—Perforated

Roul.—Rouletted

Wmk.—Watermark

ABYSSINIA.—A large empire in north-east Africa, at one time more generally known as Ethiopia. Its total area is about 350,000 square miles and its population is estimated at three or four millions. Its boundaries are somewhat indefinite except on the east, where they touch the Italian colony of Eritrea, French Somali Coast and British Somaliland. The country is ruled by Menelik II (known as the Negus Negusti, or King of Kings) who ascended the throne in 1889. The official language is Amharic and it is in these characters that the inscriptions on the stamps are shown. Postage stamps were first issued in 1894.

ABERDEEN.—A small city in Munroe Co., Mississippi, having a population of about 4000. A special 5c envelope was issued here in 1861 and used for a short period prior to the issue of the stamps for general use throughout the Confederate States.

ACCOUNT LETTERS.—On all the sheets of the 1/2d and 1d British stamps printed since 1884 a letter (or letter followed by a figure) will be found printed on the bottom margin in the same color as the stamps. These letters are used as a check on the number of stamps printed and for purposes of book-keeping—as the plates of these values are always at press—hence they are known to collectors as account, control, or contract letters. They are changed when a fixed number of sheets have been printed and since 1904 a figure has been added to denote the year in which a certain supply was printed. Thus the combination "G7" means that the stamps are from the seventh supply of a certain quantity printed in 1907. On the Queen's head sheets the letter always appears below the eleventh stamp in the bottom row. In the case of the stamps bearing the portrait of the late King Edward VII or the present King George V. the control is placed below the second stamp in the bottom row for the 1/2d and below the eleventh stamp for the 1d. Also in the King's head series the letters used for the 1d value are sans-serif while those for the 1/2d have serifs. In recent years this system has been extended to other denominations. It was for a long time considered that these letters were engraved on the plates and were thus printed at the same time as the stamps but in an excellently reasoned note in "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News" for December 31st, 1904, the following theory is suggested as the real reason for the use of the letters:—

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showing exactly the same secret marks, when we happened to notice that the relative position of the "D4" differed slightly on the sheets. It is obvious therefore that the letter and figure could not be part of the plate nor even fixed in or near it, as we believe has been generally supposed. A further examination of different strips showed that exactly the same minute defects in the letters occur on stamp obviously printed from different plates. There is, therefore, no alternative but to suppose that the letter is printed on the sheets at a second operation, after the large printed sheets have been cut into post-office sheets of 240. A further examination shows that the D4 is frequently slightly embossed, which, although it proves nothing by itself, helps to indicate that it is struck separately. Why should the printers go to the trouble of printing this letter on every sheet? Even if the printing machine prints, cuts and letters the sheets at one operation, it means a more complex machine and consequently more expensive.

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EDITORIAL.

Japan.—The new issues are particularly interesting just now as we have had occasion to remark on several occasions recently but no more gorgeous contribution has been made recently than Japan's new set of three denominations that was issued to commemorate the official installation of the Crown Prince on November 3rd, 1916. These stamps were described in our chronicle recently but bald text cannot do their color schemes justice. We are informed that the new stamps were in great demand in Japan on the day of issue and that many buyers had to be content with fewer stamps than wanted. For instance, one town of about 30,000 population received but ten sets of the stamps.

Passing.—From Ancon, Panama, Mr. Emil J. Rall sends us an account of the sale of the Trinidad and Tobago "our day" war stamp which was to be bought only on October 19th, 1916. A correspondent of the *Star and Herald*, Ancon, Panama, says that every office in the colony, Trinidad-Tobago, was stocked with the stamp, on the lower left corner of which was lithographed a red cross and above the date 19-10-16. However, so heavy were the sales that it was evident that the demand exceeded the supply, several orders having been received by cable from England and elsewhere. Purchasers of the stamps were early on hand and the sale continued until a late hour, one customer buying five hundred dollars' worth of the stamps. The lithographing was done at the government printing office. In our chronicle of two weeks ago, this Red Cross stamp was described.

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Records.—Our readers evidently like to link the earlier days of philately with those of the present, as they send us newspaper and other clippings when occasion offers on stamp subjects, in the earlier decades, as well as other forms of printed material on philately, with the intention that we refer to them in any way that suits our wish. We are thankful for these reflections of the past of stamp collecting and understand their very human appeal to the collector of today who does not have any conception of stamp conditions as they existed in the days of philatelic immaturity. Even

clippings of fugitive kind sometimes have a value beyond their prosaic bounds in showing how the popular mind wrestled, for instance, with "the strange fad of stamp collecting." In fact, much of the history of philately from the time of its advent in this country to well up into the '80's will have to be compiled from the public press, as the spirit of the stamp papers was not always so embracing as to preserve the broad aspect of stamp collecting. We succeed usually in using everything of the kind sent us in some form or other at some time or other.

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TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

(This interesting account of the annual meeting of the Texas Philatelic Association at San Antonio was sent us by H. S. Parsons, the capable secretary-treasurer of the society. It was accompanied by one of the banquet menus and clippings from the San Antonio Express, which gave in detail the business of the session. The Express in one of its articles published pictures of Pres. Heusinger, Vice Pres. Clem. Sec. Parsons and Albert Steves, Sr., who had charge of the exhibit. We wish that we had space to publish in its entirety this very readable article, which has the earmarks of experience in reportorial work.—Ed.)

The twentieth anniversary of the Texas Philatelic Association was fittingly celebrated November 13 at San Antonio, Texas, and the occasion will long be remembered by the collectors in the Lone Star State. The Association now occupies a position of honor, shared by only a few other philatelic societies in the United States which have attained a similar age, and its members may indeed pride themselves upon the stability and continuity of their organization.

A philatelic exhibition, under the patronage of Albert Steves, Sr., of San Antonio, was held during the afternoon at the St. Anthony Hotel, San Antonio's leading hostelry, which was well attended by the general public and by local and visiting philatelists, among whom were the following collectors from other Texas cities: T. E. Flick, of Galveston; H. C. Naschke, O. R. Bertram and W. L. Wupperman, of Austin; S. V. Pfeuffer, Albert Steves, Sr., and Braunfels; W. B. Mitchell, of Norman; Emil Gerlich, of Schertz; and S. B. Hopkins, the well-known expert on Mexican stamps, of Laredo. The display was remarkable for the variety and for the value of the exhibits.

Large general collections, containing many valuable stamps, were shown by Mrs. Otto Staerker (Cuero, Texas), S. V. Pfeuffer, Albert Steves, Sr., and Edward W. Heusinger (San Antonio).

A postal sub-station was established at the exhibition for the afternoon only, and many collectors took advantage of the opportunity to purchase the latest issues in United States stamps.

One exhibit receiving much favorable comment was artistically prepared by T. E. Flick under the title "Every Stamp from a Different Country." Considerable attention was also attracted by a series of exhibits presented by H. S. Parsons, entitled "The Popular Side of Philately," which included "The Philatelic Zoo," "Strange Peoples," "Little Lessons in Geography," "A Tour of the World," "A Royal Portrait Gallery," "The Aviary," "Sketches of Queen Victoria," and others, each illustrated by

representative stamps. S. B. Hopkins displayed an interesting collection of European war poster stamps from the belligerent nations, as well as a unique collection of Mexican censored envelopes.

At eight o'clock a banquet was served in the Oak Room of the St. Anthony, at which souvenirs of the celebration were distributed, containing the program of the exhibition and the menu, the latter being aptly described in philatelic terms.

President Heusinger acted as toastmaster, and several appropriate toasts were happily given. A number of congratulatory telegrams and letters from members and philatelic societies were read by the secretary, H. S. Parsons, while Geo. D. Kitzinger personally expressed the good wishes of the Cincinnati Philatelic Society, of which he is a Trustee.

Those present at the banquet were: Messrs. Heusinger, Parsons, Roemer, Gerlich, Heffner, Kitzinger, Hyde, Wilson, Porch, Rummel, Bertram, Hopkins, Flick, Naschke, Green, Goldbeck, Johnson, Beach, Mitchell, E. Tepper of Baltimore, Md., and Captain C. K. La Motte, U. S. Army.

The officers of the Texas Philatelic Association are: Edward W. Heusinger, J. R. G. S., President; Jno. L. Clem, Brig. Gen., U. S. A., Retired, Vice-President; H. S. Parsons, Secretary-Treasurer; Charles Roemer, Sales Superintendent; and G. W. Coryell of Boerne, Texas, fifth member of the Executive Committee. The society is growing very rapidly and now has a membership of 124, two-thirds of the members residing in Texas. The work being accomplished by the Association is greatly helping the advancement of philately in Texas and adjoining states.

A. S. D. A. ANNUAL MEETING.

The following officers of the American Stamp Dealers' Association were elected: President, Eugene Klein; Vice-President, W. S. Aldrich; Secretary-Treasurer, C. V. Webb; Board of Directors, Frank S. Parmelee, Ora E. Stark, S. E. Colman, Fred S. Martin, Frank J. Pope; Trustees, B. W. H. Poole, H. W. Doscher, E. P. Seebohm; Sales Manager, Maitland Milliken; Stamp Expert, J. M. Bartels; Auction Manager, M. Ohlman; Librarian, Mrs. Louise W. Kellogg; Attorney, H. A. Whipple.

Convention opened at Stewart's, 30 Park Place, New York, on Dec. 1, 1916, 11 a. m. The convention went on record that repaired and reperforated stamps sold by members should be so marked. The convention will continue in session on December 2.

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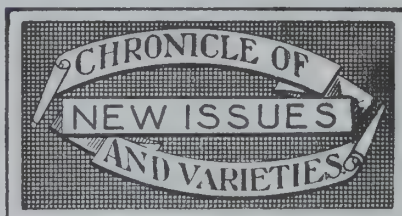
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THE PUBLISHERS.

JAPAN.—We are indebted to Theo. Siddall and K. Kyoguchi for specimens of the new stamps just issued in commemoration of the installation as Crown Prince of His Imperial Highness Hirohito Michinomiya. The ceremony took place November 3 and there are three stamps in the set:—1 1/2s, 3s and 10s. We picture the two designs, the 1 1/2s and the 3s being identical. The Scott Co. Circular states that the "installation" has reference "doubtless to the recent ceremony at which the Crown Prince Hirohito was proclaimed heir to the divine treasures, the mirror, sword and jewel, which are the symbols of Japanese sovereignty. The mirror is the most sacred of the articles. It is the emblem of the Sun God Amaterasu, from whom tradition states that the royal house of Japan is descended. By this proclamation Prince Hirohito became the Prince Imperial and recognized heir to the throne."



Mr. C. A. Howes writes:—"The 1 1/2s and the 3s have the fabled phoenix in the center. The side orna-

mentation is the 'paulownia imperialis', the emblem of the Empress, particularly, as is the phoenix, an emblem of marital felicity. The object on the 10s is evidently a ceremonial hat or 'toque' usually made of horse hair. It is not a 'crown,' for there is none in Japan. The ornamentation at the sides is of course cherry blossoms."

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—The Regina (Can.) Stamp Collectors' Club is the latest organization of its kind. It was organized November 23, nine collectors being present. J. B. Parker was elected president and E. H. Phillips secretary. Short addresses were delivered by J. B. Parker and C. J. Milligan, the latter exhibiting his collection, one of the best in the northwest.

—Geo. N. Hargraff sends us a clipping from the Toronto Daily Star showing a New Zealand cover in which the stamp is defaced by a machine cancellation. In two lines is the inscription "By Some War Loan Certificates," while two other lines contain the name of post office and date of postmarking.

—Owen W. Bent of Waltham, Mass., informs us that there is a stamp catalogued at \$35,000 in Scott's 1917 edition. The managing editor must confess that as yet he has not had the time to prove Mr. Bent's statement, but possibly some of our readers may be willing to do so.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Tony Conte, C. E. Doty, B. S. Wilson, Herman W. Boers (2) and L. M. Stevens, Jr.

—Advertisers must refrain from advertising cleaned stamps. Our reason for this is the fact that no one can tell the ultimate use that cleaned stamps will be put to.

—A clipping just received from J. Rausch of San Francisco indicates that someone is active in the matter of furnishing news items about stamps to the general press. The Examiner of the above named city in its issue of November 5 had an article made up of short paragraphs dealing particularly with new issues and the conditions under

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which the same were made necessary. As a preface to the article is the following:—"The American Philatelic Society of Brooklyn, N. Y., is authority for the following notes of interest to stamp collectors." Possibly the committee authorized by the Boston A. P. S. convention is getting busy.

—"I wish to say in this connection that I regard your publication as an invaluable aid in the furtherance of intelligent stamp collecting, than which, in my opinion, there is no more constructive aid in the school study of geography and history. Your publication certainly has been of real value to my boy, just as I am satisfied that stamp collecting has been worth many times the cost in the development of his intelligence and an accurate understanding as regards the world at large."—F. L. HOFFMAN, Statistician Prudential Insurance Company of America.

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—Fred Michael of Chicago has just issued a new list, No. 13. It makes a special feature of new issues and every lover of new issues will do well to send for the same.

—According to our Detroit correspondent, Herman W. Boers, Eustace B. Power, manager of Stanley Gibbons, Inc., visited the above mentioned city Friday, Dec. 1, on his way to Chicago.

BENNETT OF BUFFALO.

Our news item of two weeks ago produced results, but the fruit is not of a very palatable nature. We are not undertaking the settlement of any claims against this party but advise dealers interested to consult local attorneys and put the machinery in motion for the collection of accounts. Will dealers please make a note of the information that can be read into these lines?

Chile 1915 lithog'd, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50, .12 Gold Coast K. G., 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 6p .26 India K. E., 3p to 1r, 11 var., .12 Jamaica K. G., 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 6p, .25 Mexico 1915, perf., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 40, 1p, .18 New Zealand 1910 Official, 1, 3, 6p, .15 Nigeria K. G., 6p, 2sh 6p, nicely P. Post cancelled, the two for only, .35 Paraguay 1913, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 40, 75, .18 Persia 1894, 1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 16, 12 1/2, 50, 50k, .38 Switzerland, Charity 1911, 2, 5, 10, .04 Jos. Trauner, 1134 Farm Rd., Secaucus, N.J. [tf]

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Free, 1c, 2c, 5c, 7c, 10c & 20c King George Can. to all approval applicants. Ref., please. H. N. HAAS, 125 E. 7 St., Hutchinson, Kan. [55]

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*U. S. 2c Lincoln on "bluish" for, .15 *do. 2c 1902, flags, cat. .40, for, .17 Hawaii, 38 var., cat. \$18.27, for, 7.00 * Officials comp., cat. \$5.60, for, 2.75 Persia 1879-80, Nos. 41-46, inc., cat. \$2.60, 1.20 Norway 1878, Nos. 33 & 34, cat. .80, for, .27 All Fine. Send Reference for an approval book and premium and you'll be giving Yourself a "square deal". C. H. ISSLER, 17 Edward St., Worcester, Mass.

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CHAPTER XXIV.

The King George Stamps.

On May 6th, 1910, King George V succeeded to the throne but the Dominion of Canada did not take steps towards issuing a series of stamps bearing the portrait of the new monarch until some time later. The 1c and 2c denominations were recorded in the *Monthly Journal* for January, 1912, so they were doubtless on sale on the 1st day of that month. The other values—5c, 7c, 10c, 20c and 50c—were placed on sale very soon afterwards and we believe the full series was in circulation before the end of January.



The new stamps form a highly attractive set and they are without question the handsomest set of "George" stamps issued by any of the British Colonies. The portrait, which shows His Majesty in an admiral's uniform, three-quarter face to left, is, as the *Monthly Journal* states "the best portrait of King George that has yet appeared on stamps." The portrait is contained within an oval above which the words CANADA POSTAGE are curved in bold sans-serif capitals. Below is the value ONE CENT, etc., in words while in each of the lower angles the value is shown in figures on a plain square as in the case of the King Edward stamps. In the upper corners are crowns, again like the King Edward labels, but the treatment of the stamp as a whole is widely dissimilar. The portrait oval is smaller than before so that in place of the almost microscopical maple leaves shown on the King Edward stamps we now find a spray of these leaves, beautifully drawn, in each of the lower spandrels.

The stamps were printed in sheets of 100 as before with the usual arrangement of marginal imprint and plate num-

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bers. No record seems to have been made of the plates but that a very large number of the 2c at any rate were used is obvious from the high numbers found.

The 1c and 2c values show a number of prominent shades. Just a month after the stamps were first chronicled the *Monthly Journal* noted that the 1c existed in two distinct shades—"yellow-green and blue-green". In October, 1912, the same journal mentioned the receipt of the 5c "in a very markedly altered shade, deep ultramarine instead of the previous deep indigo", while in January, 1913, we read of two very pronounced shades of the 2c—bright carmine and dull rose-red—in addition to the usual rose-carmine tint. In November, 1913, this denomination was noted in still another striking shade described as "almost carmine-lake".

In the February, 1913, issue of the *Philatelic Gazette* reference is made to these shades and other varieties as follows:—

Collectors of shades should not fail to secure before it is too late, the interesting series of such varieties in the current King George series of Canada. In the 1 cent stamp four distinct shades are noted and in the 2 cent value no less than ten distinct shades from a pale carmine rose to deep carmine and from a real brick red to a reddish-brown or sienna red.

Several "errors" or "freaks of printing" have appeared, mostly in the early impressions, caused probably by the rush and push of the printers in trying to meet the large demand. I have noted the following and believe they will be of interest to collectors:

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200 U.S.	1.39	20 " "	.17	15 Chile	.70
50 Cuba	.40	30 Holland	.90	50 Malay States	.10
10 Turkey	.30	20 Portugal	.60	50 " "	.10
30 " "	.25	20 Denmark	.70	50 " "	.10
50 " "	.45	30 " "	.18	50 " "	.10
75 " "	.84	6 Reunion	.10	11 Wurtemberg	.30
15 Liberia	1.00	5 Panama	.13	12 Argentina	.11
8 " "	.20	4 Nigeria	.15	10 Guatemala	.30
50 Spain	3.00	100 Persia	1.80	10 Costa Rica	.16
100 " "	.60	150 " "	3.75	10 B. Guinea	.16
10 Peru	.14	200 " "	7.99	5 St. Vincent	.14
20 " "	.14	5 Barbados	.12	5 Zambal	.10
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7 Siam	.15	10 Persia	.10	5 Cape Verde	.10
10 Chile	.30	40 France	.10	1000 Hinges	.15
10 Greece	.05	10 Jamaica	.10	20 Roumania	.15
40 French	.10	17 Mexico	.10	20 New Zealand	.15
25 Italy	.05	10 Trinidad	.12	10 Gold Coast	.25
60 " "	.19	4 Mauritius	.10	100 South America	.42
2 Congo	.30	25 Bulgaria	.19	50 British Colonies	.60
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10 Cuba	.25	40 Paraguay	1.00	50 Portugal Col's	.34
6 Mascia	.10	19 Hawaii	1.00	50 " "	.12
10 China	.10	20 Transvaal	.75	25 " "	.80
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15 Chile	.15	5 Rhodesia	.10	7 Swaziland	.15
25 Swiaz	.09	5 Monaco	.10	30 Sweden	.10
6 Fiji	.15	7 Martinique	.10	10 Port. Indies	.15
4 Borneo	.05	7 Hyderabad	.10	60 Portugal Col's	.15
4 Hayti	.05	4 Guinea	.10	100 " "	1.39
50 Persia	.69	3 East Africa	.10	6 Shanghai	.10
30 " "	.39	5 Dahomey	.10	5 New Caledonia	.10
8 China	.05	5 Angola	.10	6 Mozambique	.10
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unfinished plates from which the guide lines had not been removed. They are easily distinguished, having the lines about 2 millimeters apart running across every stamp on the sheet. The lines are very plain where they run through the figures of value.—C. L. P.

The variety last described is a very interesting one which may also be found in connection with the 1c denomination. To term them guide-lines and prints from "unfinished plates" is, however, quite incorrect. Such guide-lines as are marked on a plate are only placed vertically or horizontally to correspond with the top or bottom or one of the sides of the stamp design. The lines, which we are now considering, appear comparatively close together though they are not equi-distant, as the above description would lead us to imagine, nor are they always parallel or straight. They are undoubtedly due to some inherent defects in the plates. Possibly, in the rush to finish sufficient plates to cope with the demand for the new stamps some of them were hardened too quickly with the result that the surfaces cracked. These defective plates were certainly among the earliest ones used and judging by the scarcity of the stamps showing these peculiarities they were not in use long before they were discarded.

The 1c and 2c values of this series were issued in coil form for use in automatic vending machines. These were first issued in November, 1912, perf. 8 vertically and imperforate at top and bottom. In October, 1913, the 1c was issued perf. 8 horizontally and imperforate at the sides and shortly afterwards the 2c appeared in the same way. These coil stamps show quite a number of distinct shades.

Reference List.

1912. Engraved and Printed by the American Bank Note Co., Ottawa. No wmk. Perf. 12.
93. 1c green, Scott's No. 104.
(a) Perf. 8 vertically, Scott's No. 104a.
(b) Perf. 8 horizontally, Scott's No. 104a.
94. 2c carmine, Scott's No. 105.
(a) Perf. 8 vertically, Scott's No. 105a.
(b) Perf. 8 horizontally, Scott's No. 105a.
95. 5c deep blue, Scott's No. 106.
96. 7c olive-yellow, Scott's No. 107.
97. 10c dull purple, Scott's No. 108.
98. 20c olive-green, Scott's No. 109.
99. 50c sepia, Scott's No. 110.

CHAPTER XXV.

The War Tax Stamps.

One result of the European war was that Canada, in common with many other countries, had to impose special taxes. The Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance, outlined the various tariff changes and special taxes in the House of Commons, Ottawa, on February 11th, 1914, and a resume of the chief items in the new "budget" was published in the WEEKLY for Feb. 7th as follows:—

The tariff changes went into effect at the time of the announcement. The special tax on wine and champagne goes into effect at once. The other special taxes take effect at a date to be yet fixed. The stamp tax on letters means that the old 3 cent

postage rate is restored, and a city letter costs 2 cents.

There is to be no income tax.

The following are some of the items of taxation:—

One cent on telegraph and cable messages.

Ten cents for every five dollars on railroad and steamboat tickets.

Ten cents on sleeping car and five cents on parlor car tickets.

One to three dollars per passenger from steamboat companies carrying to ports other than in Canada, Newfoundland, the United States of America, and British West Indies.

Two cents on all bank checks, receipts and bills of exchange, express and post-office orders.

One cent on postal notes.

One cent (war stamp) on each letter and postcard.

Two cents on bills of lading.

Five cents per pint on non-sparkling wines sold in Canada, and twenty-five cents per pint on champagne and sparkling wines.

One cent on each ten cents cost of proprietary medicines.

The only tax that has interest to us as philatelists is the one cent impost on all letters and postcards. This came into effect on April 15th, 1914, and special stamps were issued for the purpose. These are the regular 1c postage stamps of the King George series with the words "WAR TAX", in two lines, in large colorless block capitals between the portrait and the value. As this stamp collected a tax on letters and postcards it will undoubtedly be considered collectible by the most advanced of the philatelic purists. While the 2c and other denominations were issued in the same type and many of the 2c undoubtedly passed through the mails as 2c stamps they can hardly be considered anything else than freaks. There seems to have been no necessity for these special stamps, for so long as a letter had 3c postage on it (or 2c in the case of drop letters) the law was fully complied with.

It was considered, however, that a stamp which would pay both postage and tax would be a great convenience to the public and in December, 1915, a stamp of this sort was issued. The official announcement regarding these was as follows:—

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CANADA,
OTTAWA, December 30th, 1915.

Sir:—I have the honor to enclose three specimens of a stamp which this Department is issuing for postage and War Tax purposes, having a value of three cents. This is an ordinary two cent postage stamp surcharged as follows: 1 T c (one cent tax). This has been issued in response to the demand of the public for a stamp having the value of three cents so that postage and War Tax might be paid by affixing one stamp. This stamp is of permanent validity.

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Reference List.

1915-16. Engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Co., Ottawa. No wmk. Perf. 12.
 100. 1c green, Scott's No. 201.
 101. 2c+1c carmine.

CHAPTER XXVII.

A Proposed Commemorative Series.

Before concluding our notes regarding the postage stamps proper of Canada it will be as well to make brief reference to a proposed commemorative series which, fortunately or unfortunately as one views these special sets, never eventuated. Early in 1914 proposals were on foot to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Sir George Etienne Cartier by the issue of a series of stamps of distinctive designs. Cartier was a famous Canadian premier who was born in Lower Canada in 1814. Becoming attorney-general for Lower Canada in 1856, he was called to form the Cartier-Macdonald ministry in 1858. After the fall of his ministry he again became attorney-general in 1864. A fearless and upright leader, and a good orator, he did much for the moulding of a united Canada. He is also famed as a writer of French lyrics, which were published in 1875, two years after his death. Whether the stamps ever got beyond the proposal stage is a moot point but at any rate a list of chosen subjects was published, viz:—

1 cent, Portraits of King George and Queen Mary.
 2 cents, The Cartier Monument.
 5 cents, Cartier's birthplace.
 7 cents, Portrait of the Prince of Wales.
 10 cents, Victoria Bridge, inaugurated by Cartier.
 20 cents Canadian Pacific Railway train inscribed "All Aboard for the West."
 50 cents, Cartier's Coat-of-Arms; motto, "Franc et sans dol"; inscription, "O Canada, mon pays, mes amours".

It was at one time definitely announced that the stamps would be placed on sale on June 15th but a correspondent making enquiry at headquarters was informed that "the Department is not yet decided to sell the Cartier stamps."

As the stamps still failed to make an appearance a firm of English stamp dealers wrote to the Canadian Post-Office department for information and received the following reply:—

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CANADA.
 Office of the Superintendent of the Postage Stamp Branch.
 OTTAWA, 29th June, 1914.

Dear Sirs:—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor addressed to the late Mr. Stanton, and in which you ask information with reference to the proposed issue of stamps to commemorate the centenary of Sir George Etienne Cartier. The information which you have received from outside sources is not only premature, but inaccurate in several details, and I can only say that although it is possible that these stamps may be issued during the course of the next few months the whole question is still under the consideration of the Department.

Yours very sincerely,
E. J. LEMAIRE, Superintendent.

Finally, owing very probably to the war, it was decided not to issue this special series of stamps.

CHAPTER XXVII.

Official Stamps.

Canada has never issued special postage stamps for use on departmental correspondence but in November, 1884, a German paper, *Der Philatelist*—on the advice of a correspondent, chronicled a series for official use. These were said to consist of the ordinary adhesives, two envelopes and a post card surcharged with the word OFFICIAL in black. To quote from the *Philatelic Record*:—"It is alleged that they were prepared and issued in 1877, but after a short time were called in again. The surcharges are in some cases oblique, and in others perpendicular. It is at least strange that, considering our intercourse with Canada, our first knowledge of the issue of official stamps so far back as 1877 should reach us from Temesvar, wherever that may be."

Doubts were, naturally, expressed on all sides with regard to the authenticity of these labels and a letter addressed to Ottawa on the subject resulted in the following reply:—

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CANADA,
 OTTAWA, 18th May, 1885.

Sir:—I am directed by the Postmaster-General to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th ult., enquiring whether postage stamps bearing the word "Official" on their face are in circulation in the Dominion of Canada, and beg, in reply, to say that no such stamp, card, newspaper wrapper, or envelope has ever been issued by this Department. I am, sir, your obedient servant,
 (Signed) WM. WHITE, Secretary.

Two years later, in April, 1887, after this canard had been satisfactorily disposed of another set of alleged official stamps was referred to in the *Philatelic Record* as follows:—

Mr. Hechler sent to the Transvaal correspondent of Major Evans a set of Canadian stamps surcharged SERVICE, and he certainly vouched for the authenticity of the Royal arms and supporters, with the word SERVICE on some Canadian envelopes, which he declared had been issued to the troops that were sent out in the Indian rebellion in 1885, and with whom Mr. Hechler was serving. This rebellion did not break out until April of that year, and yet we find these envelopes described in the *Timbre-Poste* of February of the same year, on the authority of *Der Philatelist* of the previous January. This all seems to be very remarkable, especially as no one but Mr. Hechler appears ever to have had any of them.

A little delving into the history of these stamps and envelopes soon showed that they were nothing more than a private speculation on the part of their sponsor, Mr. Hechler. It appears that Hechler was a captain in a Volunteer regiment which was despatched to assist in putting down the rebellion. He had the words SERVICE printed on a number of envelopes, postcards, and probably stamps as well, which were used in sending notices of drill, etc., to his company. But they were never issued or recognised by the Government of Canada.

(To be continued.)

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

P. S.—Just as we go to press we receive a bunch of six additional from the Edgewood Stamp Co., making a total of 42 since October 1. Is it any wonder that we are willing to give this firm a good-sized bit of publicity? Where dealers are found who are lending a hand in pushing the WEEKLY, we are only too glad to return the favor.

EDITORIAL.

Answers—A thorough student of United States issues, Mr. Richard McP. Cabeen, Chicago, recently propounded a series of questions relative to the procedure in the making of the stamp plates, to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, and the answers are supplied by J. E. Ralph, Director, are

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worth recording for the benefit of readers generally: "I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st instant requesting to be furnished with certain information. I give your questions below and the answers thereto, as follows: 1. At which corner of the plate does the workman start when entering a stamp design? A. Lower right hand corner. 2. Are the designs entered top up or bottom up? A. Top up. 3. Does the first stamp entered on the plate become the left stamp in the top row upon the finished sheet? A. The first stamp becomes the lower left hand corner stamp on a sheet of stamps. 4. If not, what is its position on the sheet? A. See answer to Question 3. 5. Can you tell me if this method of entering the first design on the plate (or rather this position for the first design) was used by the Bureau in 1894 and 1895? A. It has been a long time since the dates mentioned but it is believed that the stamp plates have always been made in the manner indicated."

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Similar—Our attention has been called to a label in blue a bit larger in size than the ten cent special delivery stamp. On the pasteur which was issued in the interests of the G. O. P. in the recent campaign are the more or less stirring words: "Justice. Peace. Honor. He Always Delivers the Goods. Stands for Arbitration and the Good of All the Nation. Choose Hughes." A picture of Hughes, his arm encircling the American flag, and the date, 1916, complete the salient details of the design of the pasteur. Unquestionably, the general design of the political label was suggested by the current special delivery stamp and a comparison of the two is interesting. We are aware that the designs of many of our United States stamps were approximated for advertising, political or propaganda purposes, particularly in the earlier days but latterly the idea of using the stamp form has languished, a condition due chiefly to the disfavor with which the authorities view any substitute for or similitude of a postal certificate.

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Original—When the revenue stamps of the Civil War period were first issued, many members of the public used the distinctive stamps on letters, contrary to the warning of the post office department as well as the treasury department. In fact, the misuse of the revenue stamps became such a nuisance as to engage the serious notice of the postal authorities, the Philadelphia postmaster having sought to cope with the irregularity through the newspaper press of

his city. Through the courtesy of Mr. J. H. Raymond, Dover, Delaware, we have seen the notice as it appeared originally in the Philadelphia Evening Journal of November 8, 1863: "Caution.—Whereas, a number of Letters and Papers have been deposited in the POST OFFICE on which have been placed the INTERNAL REVENUE STAMPS in payment of Postage, the public are hereby CAUTIONED AGAINST such use of these stamps, as the Post Office Department will not recognize them, and all such letters will be 'held for postage', and detained at this office. G. A. Walborn, P. M. Philadelphia Postoffice, Nov. 8, 1863." In old batches of letters, one turns up every now and then, bearing a revenue stamp and the Held for Postage impression.

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Clue—Providentially enough, Mr. Elliott Perry, Westfield, New Jersey, noticed in a recent issue of the Sunday Times, a statement that has a bearing on a somewhat important aspect of American philately in its relation to art or portraiture. First of all, we present the following excerpt from the Times of November 12, 1916, signed Sheldon I. Kellogg, Jr.: "Referring to the article in 'Queries from Times Readers and Answers' in issue of Oct. 15, 1916, headed 'Andrew Jackson Print,' further investigation would have shown that the noted painter, Miner Kilbourne Kellogg, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was commissioned to paint the portrait of General Andrew Jackson, and for six weeks enjoyed the hospitality of the Hermitage. So satisfactory was the painting that the old hero presented him with a silver-mounted hickory cane, which the present writer owns. This was about 1838-40. The likeness of General Jackson on the black two cent United States postage stamp of July, 1863, was taken from this portrait. Another of his portraits was that of General Scott, which is (or was) in Governors' Room of the City Hall, New York." Now, it is generally accepted that the Jackson portrait on the two cent was after a portrait by Dodge. However, the testimony of the writer of the foregoing explanation is not to be refuted, we should say, as we assume that the writer, Sheldon I. Kellogg, Jr., is a descendant of the artist, Miner Kilbourne Kellogg, Cincinnati, who painted Old Hickory during the six weeks that were spent amid the pleasant surroundings of Jackson's famous home in Tennessee. It is probable that the particular reference to Dodge as the painter of the portrait from which that on the two cent Jackson was taken will have to be revised and in this connection we are hopeful that we shall soon be able to present to readers a story that is of

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

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—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from J. H. Massey (2) and Wm. J. Prinzing.

—Capt. R. H. Peck of Fort Shafter, H. T., enters a complaint against P. V. Hiordan, Puerto la Plata, Argentine Republic, and we have called Mr. Hiordan's attention to the same. We regret to say that there are three or four transactions of this nature that we have

been unable as yet to adjust. It is the intention of the WEEKLY to be even more strict in the future in admitting foreign exchange advertising.

—Herman Toasperi, chairman of the entertainment committee of the Collectors' Club, N. Y. City, sends us a booklet describing the exhibitions and meetings to be held during the present season. We wish that we had the space to print the list of exhibitions, detailed programs of which are to be found in the booklet. A monograph competition is announced and rules in connection with the competition may be obtained from Mr. Toasperi, 99 Nassau St., N. Y. City. Four medals accompanied by certificates will be awarded as prizes.

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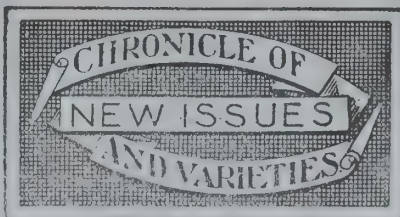
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A NEW EDITOR SECURED.

We are pleased to say that we have secured an editor for our Chronicle in the person of Milton P. Lyons, Jr., 1631 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. Correspondents will please note the address given and communicate any information direct to Mr. Lyons.

UNITED STATES.—We have received a freak envelope from W. J. Stanton. It is the now obsolete 2c stamped envelope showing George Washington in the act of smoking a cigarette. The line of white protruding from the mouth of the "Father of our Country" is so distinct as to make the variety interesting and amusing.

CANADA.—We are indebted to Gladstone Perry and Cornel Kmentt for information in connection with the issue of the Canada 1Tc in brown in the coil perforation, perforated 8 vertically.

JAPAN.—We are indebted to Alfred Rasmussen and Frank Kocher for specimens of the new commemorative stamps chronicled last week.

MEXICO.—Herman Focke gives us further information in regard to the rates of postage now current between this country and Mexico. He supplements the word sent to us some weeks ago with the following:—

"I gave the postage rate for letters from Mexico to this country as being 1 peso, but since yesterday most of the mail is coming in with only 5 centavos postage, as of old stamps of the 1910 issue, with the small G. P. DE M. being employed.

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SALVADOR.—Additional information is at hand as regards the new official set. We quote as follows from a letter just received from Mr. Focke:—

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DR. MICHELONI'S RETURN.

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FOR THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

Eugene Klein has been promoted to the first page, and the space formerly occupied by him on this, the editorial page, is for sale to the highest bidder. The advertiser who will take the largest amount of space regularly, whether it be one inch double column or more, may have this location. It is occupied this week by the Geo. W. Linn Co., and with reading matter underneath, you can get a fair idea of the desirability of the location.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

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AFGHANISTAN.—A large country lying on the north-west frontier of India, which has an area of about 215,000 square miles. It is bounded on the north by Asiatic Russia, on the south by Baluchistan, on the east by the Punjab and North-west Frontier Province, and on the west by Persia. It is generally known as the "buffer state" and at one point India and Russia are separated by less than ten miles. The country is called Khorasan by the natives, and has a mixed population of Afghans, Pathans, Ghilzais, Tajiks (the aboriginals), etc. The language is Pustu and the present ruler is His Highness Siraj-ul-millat-wad-din Amir Habib Ulla Khan, G. C. M. G., who ascended the throne in 1901. By agreement with the Amir Afghanistan has no foreign relations with any power except through the Government of India. In all other respects it is independent, and the ruler of the Amir is despotic. Under the present treaty existing between Britain and Afghanistan the British Government agrees to refrain from interference in internal affairs, and engages to preserve the safety and integrity of Afghanistan against any unprovoked attack provided the Amir acts as a friend and ally and follows unreservedly the British Government's advice in all its external relations. Postage stamps were first issued in 1870.

AFRICA CORREIOS. (Africa Postage).—An inscription shown on the Vasco da Gama commemorative stamps issued for use in the Portuguese Colonies of Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea, Lorenzo Marques, Mozambique, Congo, St. Thomas and Prince, and Zambesia in 1898.

AFRIQUE OCCIDENTALE FRANCAISE.—(French West Africa). This inscription appears on all the stamps printed from the "general" plates for the French Colonies of Dahomey, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Mauritania, Senegal, and Upper Senegal and Niger—all situated in West Africa.

A. G.—An overprint found on some of the early stamps of South Australia signifying their use on the official correspondence of the "Attorney-General" of the State. They were superseded in 1874 by the general official issue surcharged with the letters "O S".

AGRICULTURE.—(See Dept. of Agriculture).

AGUINALDO STAMPS.—A series of labels issued by the Revolutionary Government in the Philippines under the leadership of Aguinaldo in 1898. They are, of course, locals, and though it has been asserted that they were of an entirely speculative character it seems more probable that they were issued for legitimate postal purposes and were undoubtedly used in the territory occupied by the revolutionaries until the Aguinaldo government was finally suppressed by the Americans.

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ALASKA-YUKON-PACIFIC STAMP.—A special 2c stamp issued by the United States Government in 1909 with the dual purpose of commemorating the acquisition of Alaska and the exposition held at Seattle in that year.

ALAVA.—A province in northern Spain, formerly one of the three autonomous Basque Provinces. After the first Carlist war many risings took place, the most formidable occurring in 1873 when the abdication of King Amadeo and the proclamation of a republic afforded an opportunity. The Carlists issued their own special stamps for use in this province, these bearing the portrait of Don Carlos. The stamps were suppressed in 1876 when the Carlists were finally routed. For its share in the rising the province was stripped of the last of its autonomous privileges.

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THE KAJARS.

By J. B. CHILDS.

The ruling of Persia, such as it is, has been done by the Family of Kajar, a feeble representative of which is even now trying to cling to the throne amid the oscillations of the European War.

Nasr-ed-Din (issues of 1876 to 1894) met with little opposition when he became Shah in 1848 at the mature age of sixteen, altho his gouty old father had for many years tried the endurance of Persia to the breaking point. An incipient revolution was checked by the firm hand of the Prime Minister, who was supported for a time by the young Shah, only to be secretly murdered when the moment became favorable. Nasr-ed-Din, fearful of any movement which might endanger his throne, in the sixties learned of the organization of a secret order among the nobility—The House of Forgetfulness—and arrested all of the members whom he could find. Still he was progressing, to the extent of introducing a kind of Postal Service. Also he made some trips to Europe, on which he was greeted with great ceremony at every stopping point. He probably did not take his entire harem of fifty wives along with him; but they at least gained some idea of the ease with which money could be spent in Europe. To avoid quarrels with his wives this King of Kings was obliged to indulge them more and more. The idea, brought back from Europe, of establishing a college at Teheran for the education of the sons of the nobility cost him the support of the Young Persians, who were much in favor of European education for their sons. Then Nasr-ed-Din became aware of the existence of a reforming sect, the Babists. Again fearful for his throne he set out to exterminate them. One of these fanatics, who managed to escape, assassinated the Shah in 1896.

Muzaffer-ed-Din (issues of 1898 and 1903), the son of Nasr-ed-Din, after having spent the best years of his life as a provincial governor, finally succeeded his father as the Shah of Persia. The legend had spread far and wide that the wealth of Nasr-ed-Din was to be measured by the millions; but the luxuries of Europe for the harem had eaten

up the vast hoardings, if there ever were any. Only the great collection of jewels had been superstitiously preserved for Muzaffer-ed-Din and his sixty wives. But the Shah, being a sickly man, needed money to take a trip to a more congenial climate. After having borrowed heavily from all who would loan him money, he went to Paris to sling away his gold and silver with a lavish hand, instead of yawning at the dreariness of life in Persia. An attempt to kill the Shah by an anarchist merely added a little spice to the climate of France. Needing more money, he borrowed eight or ten millions from Russia for the ostensible purpose of constructing internal improvements for Persia; but he slung away the most of the money in further efforts to regain his health, which had been shattered by the monotony of the life as a provincial governor. The people of Persia began to object strenuously, so strenuously, that the Shah had to return to the country to grant his subjects a Parliament and a Constitution. Then he died.

Mohamet Ali Mirza (issue of 1908), a tubby dwarf, wearing blue spectacles, followed in the footsteps of his father. Nobody liked him as he was stingy and selfish; and he only had one wife. He tried to be a great poet, but he could scribble nothing but mediocre drivel and sit at the dinner table from three o'clock in the afternoon until midnight. Above all things he was revengeful, never forgiving and never forgetting. He was only waiting the opportunity to do away with the privileges that his father had granted to the country. One hot day when the obstreperous Parliament had tired his patience, he ordered the artillery trained on the building. Afterwards, he strangled and imprisoned many of the leaders of the opposition. An uprising in the provinces spread until the Shah was unable to enforce his authority outside the capital, altho he had revoked the Constitution, taking absolute power into his own hands. Even in Teheran he could only hold his own with the aid of the Cossack Regiment. The revolutionists took the city before the Russian troops could be marched in to the defence of Mohamet Ali Mirza,

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Ahmed Mirza (issue of 1911), his little son of twelve or fourteen years, was taken away from the Russian Legation to be the Shah of Persia, supported by the revolutionists. During the period of regency, which followed before Ahmed was actually allowed to assume control of the government, his father attempted to enforce his claims as the rightful Shah. When Mohamet Ali Mirza was induced to relinquish his purpose by the ever watchful Russia, another pretender arose to trouble the peace of this boy ruler, the latest representative of the Kajar Line. But this was not the worst of his troubles. No, they were to come with the European War. Intriguings of both the Central Empires and the Allies swayed Ahmed back and forth on his throne, but never actually brushing him off. When the Russians protested that the Germans were encroaching on Persian territory, the Shah told them that he could do nothing. Then came the rumor that the Russian troops were coming. German Army officers hastened up to warn Ahmed Mirza to flee from Teheran; but the English and Russians persuaded him to stay. And the Allies are claiming that they have upheld the integrity of Persia for this latest of the Kajars.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—The Lynn Philatelic Society Branch No. 5, N. P. S., will hold a stamp bazaar in March. From indications this year's event will surpass the big stamp exhibition held last February. The committee in charge consists of Messrs. E. L. Clark, chairman, Bridge, Brown, Emory, Polk and Meech.

—The C. E. Hussman Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo., would like information concerning one C. L. Livingston, whose address is given as 351 87 St., N. Y. City. The firm is unable to secure any reply to communications sent this party.

—The catalog at hand from the Philadelphia Stamp Co., giving the details of the Sixth sale, has a page devoted to the American Philatelic Society and the "Two Thousand Members" slogan sounded by Secretary Davis. Particular attention is given to the merits of the sales department.

—The Occidental Stamp Co., H. E. Shore, manager, has opened an office in the busiest block on Market St., San Francisco. It is opposite the Palace Hotel and collectors visiting the city are urged to "drop in".

—Receipt of clipping from Aug. Marshall is acknowledged with thanks.

—The A. S. D. A. held its first convention in New York Dec. 1 and 2. The meetings were well attended; 41 members were represented by proxy and 16 New York dealers were present. The following were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Eugene Klein; Vice-President, W. S. Aldrich; Secretary-Treasurer, C. V. Webb; Board of Directors, Frank S. Parmelee, Ora E. Stark, S. E. Colman, Fred C. Martin, Frank J. Pope; Trustees, B. W. H. Poole, H. W. Doscher, E. P. Seeborn; Sales Manager, Maitland Milliken; Stamp Expert, J. M. Bartels; Auction Manager, M. Ohlman; Librarian, Mrs.

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—The Hudson Co. Stamp Club, Branch No. 11, N. P. S., had a big turnout at the meeting on Dec. 5. Thirty collectors were present. Letters and telegrams were read from President Thompson, N. P. S., and Mr. M. D. Olmstead, Secretary of Branch No. 10.

—At the Ohlman Sale December 4 the following prices were realized on some perfection United States stamps:—
1856, 5c, No. 45, Cat. \$8.00, \$5.70
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—There is a letter at this office for Mrs. L. W. Underwood. Subscribers will please note that we cannot supply the addresses of persons whose names appear in the WEEKLY. Our mailing list is not arranged in alphabetical order, but by mailing routes.

—W. H. Maine of Dubuque, Iowa, filled a request for stamps on approval from one P. M. Lachman of Indpls., Ind. Since then Mr. Maine has been unable to secure any satisfaction and the Indianapolis Postmaster informs him that mail matter addressed to Lachman is being returned endorsed "Removed. Supposed to have gone to Chicago, Ill."

—At the annual election of officers of the Brooklyn Stamp Society held Dec. 1, the following were elected:—A. T. Shorey, President; F. M. Smith, Vice-President; William Lycett, Secretary; W. J. Coleman, Financial Secretary; H. F. Christensen, Treasurer. As usual the society will hold its banquet in February.

—The New York Stamp Society held its election on Dec. 7, and the result was as follows:—President, Baldwin Schlesinger; Vice-President, Charles Lehman; Secretary, E. Weiss; Treasurer, V. Mozier. Mr. Steinmetz of Philadelphia, Pa., showed 100 pages from his collection. Twenty-eight members were present.

—The stamp cataloged \$35,000 in the latest Standard Catalog is Romagna No. 9a, used. Owen Bent recently submitted this question for the edification of our readers.

WILSON'S GREAT AUCTION SALE.

The great collection of Indian and Ceylon stamps amassed by the late Sir D. P. Masson of India, will be offered at public auction in London in February next by W. T. Wilson. Mr. Wilson is certainly to be congratulated upon his good fortune in securing the Masson collection.

We are unable to give even a fair idea of the contents of the sale, but catalogs will soon be available. There is a half sheet of sixty of India Scott's No. 1 and an unused strip of four of No. 6, the first setting with blue wavy line showing the complete lower margins, a rarity of the highest degree. There are numerous sheets of Scott's Nos. 2, 4 and 5, as well as many of the later issues.

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CHAPTER IV—Tax Schedule of 1864.

On June 30, 1864, a new revenue law was passed to take effect on August 1st next following in all cases except the tax on matches, which became effective September 1st. A number of classes of documents were added to the list and there were many changes in the rates on documents taxed under the laws of 1862 and 1863 and in the articles taxed under Schedule "C". Documents, and articles not given in the list below were subject to tax as before. The "Agreement" tax was changed from five cents per sheet to five cents for each agreement, appraisement, etc.

Bank Check, for any amount over \$10 drawn on any bank, banker or trust company, .02
For any amount drawn otherwise, .02
Bill of Sales, of ships, etc., up to \$500, .50
Over \$500 to \$1,000, 1.00
For each additional \$500 or fraction, .50
Bond, Indemnity, for each \$1,000 or fraction over \$1,000, .50
Bullion, new gold and silver as assayed— $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%.

Certificate, of profits, over \$50 to \$1,000, .25
For each additional \$1,000 or fraction, .25
Foreign Exchange, drawn in sets of three, for every bill of each set per equivalent of \$100 U. S., .02
Inland Exchange, promissory notes, etc., and foreign bills drawn singly, for each \$100 or fraction, .05
Insurance, marine, inland and fire, premium over \$10 to \$50, .25
Premium over \$50, .50
Conveyance, realty up to \$500, .50
Over \$500 to \$1,000, 1.00
For each additional \$1,000 or fraction, .50
Lease, for \$300 rent per year or less, .50
For each \$200 or fraction per year additional, .50
Mortgage, over \$100 to \$500, .50
Over \$500 to \$1,000, 1.00
For each additional \$500 or fraction, .50
Passage Ticket, by any vessel from U. S. to foreign port for each ticket costing not over \$35, .50
For each ticket costing over \$35 to \$50, 1.00
For every \$50 or fraction per ticket over \$50, 1.00
Probate of Will, estates up to \$2,000, 1.00
For each additional \$1,000 or fraction, .50
Power of Attorney, other than specified, reduced from \$1 to \$20, .02
Receipts, for each receipt for over \$20, .02
Warehouse receipt, for goods valued up to \$500, .10
Over \$500 to \$1,000, .20
For each additional \$1,000 or fraction, .10
Not otherwise provided for, .25
Writ, where amount claimed in writ issued by a court not of record is \$100 or over, .50
Upon confession of every judgment of \$100 or over except where tax was paid on original writ, .50
Appeals to higher courts, .50
Warrant of Distress, where amount of rent claimed is \$100 or less, .25
Where amount of rent claimed is over \$100, .50
Weigher's returns, up to 5,000 pounds, .10
Over 5,000 pounds, .25

Measurer's returns, up to 1,000 bushels, .10
Over 1,000 bushels, .25
Gauger's returns, up to 500 gallons gross, .10
Over 500 gallons, .25
Telegraph, commencing August 1, 1864, this business was taxed under schedule "A" and the stamp tax appears to have been abolished.

"Schedule C":—

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The Act of March 3, 1865, did not change the documentary taxes but provided "that upon each and every assignment or transfer of a policy of insurance, or the renewal or continuance of any agreement, contract or charter, by letter or otherwise, a stamp duty shall be required and paid, equal to that imposed on the original instrument", and provided further, "that upon each and every assignment of any lease, a stamp duty shall be required and paid, equal to that imposed on the original instrument, increased by a stamp duty on the consideration or value of the assignment, equal to that imposed upon the conveyance of land for similar consideration or value".

The only change made in schedule "C" was the addition of prepared mustard at one cent per pound, or fraction, to the list.

The next changes took place on August 1, 1866, under the law passed July 13, which removed the taxes on gauger's, measurer's and weigher's returns and warehouse receipts, and provided, "that upon each and every assignment or transfer of a mortgage, the same stamp tax (shall be paid) as is herein imposed upon a mortgage for the same amount". This and similar requirements in the law of 1865 give indirectly some legal basis for the treasury department's view and practice in considering that copies of documents subject to tax were subject to the same tax as the originals and copies had no legal value as evidence in courts of law if unstamped.

Sales and contracts for sales of gold and silver bullion and coin when made by banks or bankers were taxed one cent for each \$100 or fraction. Sales of same made by persons not paying the special banker's tax of schedule "A" were taxed five cents for each \$100 or fraction. In each case it was required that stamps of the proper value should be affixed to the memorandum of sale.

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*57 5d on 6d lake	1.00	.55
*58 4d yellow	.40	.25
*60 5d gray brown	1.00	.55
*61 3d on 1d lilac	.60	.35
*71 ½d green and violet	.10	.07
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Christmas—Christmas comes again with the world in turmoil, a fact that philatelists are best in a position to appreciate and the one relieving circumstance is the whispers of peace heard recently above the Babel of battle. The philatelic prospects are so bright that one cannot see how they are to be dimmed in the future by any calamitous circumstance and the benign influence of our well-ordered pursuit comforts a greater number of collectors than ever existed before. We wish our readers the compliments of the season right heartily; and especially do we thank those who have sent words and cards of Christmas cheer.

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Brazil—From our correspondent, Mr. Hugh C. Barr, now traveling in Brazil, we have had a few words of philately. Mr. Barr remarks upon the interest in stamps that is shown in the large cities of the great republic in different ways. It often has been remarked that Brazil is one of the foremost of collecting countries and we are ready to believe the statement. We know of the many philatelic papers that are published in the aggregate in the country; we have seen an album, nicely specialized for Brazilian stamps only, with the imprimatur of a publisher in Brazil; and it is admitted that collectors there are strong in their affection for their own stamps, particularly for the issues through the Dom Pedro sets. We shall never forget the story told us many years ago by a naval officer of how he was touched at seeing upon going ashore at one of the Brazilian ports two roustabouts, heads touching, as they bent with the intensest concentration over a sheet of stamps.

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Pictured—A Philadelphia reader, Mr. John T. Nuttall, has sent us a series of eight photographs on the theme of as many exhibitions held in the United States since the Philadelphia centennial in 1876. Among the mementoes that are arranged in frames, stamps and postals as well as medals, etc., are represented. One frame contains the thirty cent U. S. Sanitary Commission stamp that was issued for the great sanitary fair in Philadelphia in 1864 that seems to have received the postmark that was used in the fair. We notice, too, a Philadelphia postmark of October 24, 1882, on an illustrated envelope that bears the picture of a horseman on a corduroy road. Prominently on the face of the envelope is the date 1882 and in the upper left hand corner is the inscription: "Henry Waldey, P. M. of Tekonay, now Tacony." Evidently, there was a two hundredth anniversary celebration in which the envelope and postmark figured in 1882, and we are confident that some reader will give us information that will allow of an understanding of the subject.

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Fragmentary—Though Mr. Elliott Perry of Westfield, New Jersey, is first and foremost a student of our revenue stamps, yet we know that he has much regard for the labels that were issued by the different sanitary fairs during the Civil War. From a recent letter from Mr. Perry, we quote: "Morgenthau sold recently a cover with a set of the Philadelphia thereon,—one of the stamps was cancelled." This cover was sent at the post office at the fair by one in whom the fires of patriotism burned brightly or who wanted the object of his affection to be favorably impressed by his liberality in a good cause. The postmark read: "Great Central Sanitary

Fair" and date, which was limited to June, 1864. Mr. Perry adds: "A friend who lived at St. Louis at that time tells me of distinctly remembering stamps at the great fair there and moreover of having bought them. Files of the St. Louis papers might throw some light on the question," although testimony of the kind is not given much weight, as a rule.

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Distribution—Several readers have furnished us with packets of stamps for distribution among philatelic shut-ins in memory of the years when we planned our campaign on a large scale. As ever, we shall be careful to place these donations where they will be appreciated.

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Plentiful—As exemplifying the use of stamps in profusion on a single envelope or cover, Mr. S. B. Hopkins sends a cover that bears forty-five of the green surcharge Mexico, 25 centavos on 5 centavos, in payment of the postage from one district to another in Mexico. Mr. Hopkins says: "This cover from San Luis Potosi will show how the high postal rates, due to the depreciated currency, are contributing to the shortage of paper by requiring large numbers of stamps." The envelope was mailed during the prevalence of the 2 1/2 peso rate, when 2 1/2 pesos were charged for postage, 5 pesos for registration and 2 1/2 pesos for return receipt. This schedule of rates lasted but a few days only when it was raised to five pesos but again the rate was soon changed "and on December 4th, 1916, all paper-money stamps were discontinued and the post office went on a 'metallic basis,' only the G. P. de M. stamps, sold in Mexican silver or gold (50c a peso) being good for postage." There were more than forty-five stamps on the cover referred to but some of them were lost in the shuffle. Mr. Hopkins calmly proceeds to mention that the other day he got a consignment of stamps from his regular correspondent in Mexico City "with 164 stamps on it of various denominations." How many stamps would have an irregular correspondent used?

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Wayside—From Mr. Wm. F. Palmer we have received the description of an envelope with a three cent, U. S., 1870-71, postmarked Westborough, Mass., (no date) and with the word WAY in the lower left corner on the reverse side. In answer to Mr. Palmer's request for information, we shall quote from the postal rules and regulations

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of about the time of the letter in question. Mail for a way post office or way mail was mail sent to star route post offices. Star routes, it may be interposed, were those on which the mail was carried other than by railway or steamboat. In this connection it should be added that "when the mail is carried in a vehicle drawn by horses, the driver will not be required to leave his team in order to deliver the mail to way post offices." Briefly, a way post office was one between the terminals of a star route, at the period of our postal history indicated. We believe that the "way" impression is to be found stamped on letters sent after 1870, only rarely, although it was used as early as 1850 or before.

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205 Gabon, 05 on 2, 4, 15, 20, 25, 30; 10 on 40, 45, 50, 75, 1, 2, 5f .75
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CHAPTER XXVIII.

The Special Delivery Stamp.

In March, 1884, the *Philatelic Record* contained the following paragraph:—

We are informed that there is likely to be issued shortly "a new ten cent stamp of special design, which, when attached to a letter, will ensure its immediate delivery to its address at any free delivery office, between the hours of 7 a. m. and 12 midnight." A similar system has, we believe, been in use for some years in Belgium, where the extra charge is paid in telegraph stamps.

This was certainly a case of intelligent anticipation for it was not until fourteen years later that a stamp of this character was issued by the Dominion of Canada. The Postmaster-General's Report for 1898 referred to the introduction of the new stamp as follows:—

The calendar year has witnessed the introduction of the special delivery stamp, whereby on the payment of a delivery fee of 10 cents in addition to the ordinary postage, a letter immediately upon its arrival at the office of destination is sent by special messenger for delivery to the addressee.

A special-delivery stamp of the face-value of 10 cents was prepared, and the first supplies thereof were sent out sufficiently early to Postmasters to permit of the inauguration of the special delivery service on the 1st July, 1898. The object of the service is to secure special and prompt delivery of a letter on which a special-delivery stamp, in addition to the ordinary postage, has been affixed.

The new system was dealt with at some length in a circular issued to postmasters under date June 7th, 1898, and as this is of considerable interest we reproduce it below:—

The Postmaster-General has approved of arrangements whereby, on and from the first of July proximo, the senders of letters posted at any Post Office in Canada and addressed to a City Post Office now having Free Delivery by Letter Carriers shall, on prepayment by Special Delivery stamps of the face-value of ten cents, affixed one to each letter, in addition to the ordinary postage to which the same are liable, secure their special delivery to the persons to whom they are addressed within the limits of Letter Carrier Delivery at any one of the following Post Offices in Cities, viz.:—Halifax, St. John, N. B., Fredericton, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Brantford, Hamilton, London, Winnipeg, Victoria, and Vancouver. The hours of delivery to be within 7 a. m. and 11 p. m. daily, except Sunday. These hours are subject to change as dictated by local circumstances. Drop-letters posted for local delivery, and bearing Special Delivery stamps, in addition to the postage, will also be entitled to special delivery in the same manner as letters received at the Post Office by mail.

Registered letters may likewise come under the operations of this scheme of Special Delivery, in the same way as ordinary letters, provided they bear Special Delivery stamps, in addition to the full postage and the registration fee fixed by law, and the

regulations respecting the record and receipting of registered matter are observed. In despatching registered letters that bear Special Delivery stamps, the Postmaster should write prominently across the registered-package envelope the words "For Special Delivery." When Special Delivery letters (unregistered) number five or more for any one office, the Postmaster should make a separate package of them, marking it "For Special Delivery"; if such letters are fewer than five, he should place them immediately under the "facing-slip" of the letter-package which he makes up, either directly or indirectly, for the Special Delivery office for which they are intended, so that the most prompt attention may be secured therefor.

Special Delivery stamps will be sold at all Money Order Post Offices in Canada, (which may secure a supply of such stamps in the same way as ordinary stamps are obtained), for which the Postmasters will have to account as they do for ordinary stamps and on the sales of which a total commission of ten per cent. shall be allowed to Postmasters, except to Postmasters having fixed salaries. For the present Postmasters will use the existing forms of requisition in applying for Special Delivery stamps. (The usual discount may be allowed to a licensed stamp vendor at the time that he purchases Special Delivery stamps from the Postmaster). Special Delivery stamps are to be cancelled as postage stamps are cancelled. Stamps intended for Special Delivery are not available for any other purpose, and the article upon which one is affixed must have, besides, the ordinary postage prepaid by postage stamps. Under no circumstances will Special Delivery stamps be recognised in payment of postage or of registration fee, nor can any other stamp be used to secure Special Delivery, except the Special Delivery stamp. Special Delivery stamps are not redeemable.

Letters intended for Special Delivery at any one of the City Post Offices above mentioned, and prepaid as directed, may be mailed at any Post Office in Canada.

The regulations relating to First Class Matter (Inland Post) apply also and equally to Special Delivery letters, the only difference being the special treatment which the latter receive with a view to accelerating their delivery.

The object sought by the establishment of Special Delivery,—namely, the special delivery of letters transmitted thereunder,—will be much promoted if the senders of all such letters are careful to address them plainly and fully, giving, if possible, the street and number in each case. Such care will serve not only to prevent mistakes, but also to facilitate delivery. All employees of the Post Office are enjoined to expedite, in every way in their power, the posting, transmission and delivery of letters intended for Special Delivery.

These special delivery stamps are distinctly different in design from the ordinary postage stamps, the reason for this being, of course, that letters intended for special delivery may be at once identified and their handling facilitated.

Chile

No.	Value	Description	Price
1867	10c	blue	No. 18 \$.06
1867	20c	green	19 .12
1877	1c	gray	20 .04
1877	2c	orange	21 .12
1877	10c	blue	23 .06
1877	20c	green	24 .10
1894	30c	rose	38 .15
1900	20c	gray	43 .07
1900	50c	brown	44 .05
1900	5 on 30	rose	45 .03
1901	30c	orange	46 .08
1902	10c	r.d. and black	54 .02
1902	30c	violet and black	55 .02
1902	50c	orange and black	56 .25
1902	10 on 30	orange and black	57 .04
1905	1p	gold, gr. & gray, un'd	78 2.00
1910	5 oz	12 lake and black	79 .04
1910	10 on 1p		80 .05
1910	10 on 1p		81 .08
1910	1p	gold green & gray	82 .38
1910	3c	red brown and black	85 .05
1910	10c	orange and black	87 .03
1910	12c	vermillion and black	88 .10
1910	15c	slate and black	89 .06
1910	20c	red orange and black	90 .10
1910	25c	ultramarine & black	91 .35
1910	30c	violet and black	92 .13
1910	50c	green and black	93 .25

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No.	Value	Description	Price
*1876	No. 1, 1p	carmine	20
No. 1, 1p	carmine used	25	
No. 4, 6p	yellow green	1.25	
No. 4, 6p	blue green	1.50	
No. 4, 6p	yellow green used	1.25	
*1884	No. 5, 4p	green	10
No. 6, 1p	carmine	50	
No. 7, 24	brown	5.00	
No. 7, 24	brown used	3.00	
No. 8, 24	ultramarine	35	
No. 10, 4p	lilac	30	
*1903	No. 12, 4p	green	05
No. 13, 1p	red & black	05	
No. 15, 24	blue & black	20	
No. 17, 6p	green and violet	60	
No. 21, 5sh	red and black	4.00	
No. 23, 1p	red and black	20	
No. 24, 2p	brown	25	

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253	"	fine	2.50 .90
253	"	off center	2.50 .60
260a	2 Pesos	very fine	.95
260a	"	fine	.70
272	2 Pesos	very fine	.60 .40
272	"	off center	.60 .25
273	4 Pesos	superb	1.35 .75
273	"	fine	1.35 .60
273	"	off center	1.35 .45

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Argentine 1916, 5c, 12c			.03
Bavaria 1911, 1 mark			.08 .05
1911, 2 mark			.20 .12
Br. Honduras 1902, 5c			.15 .07
1904, 5c			.25 .12
Denmark 1913, 15, 20, 25, 35, 50			.14 .07
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Domin. Rep. 1905, 5c on 20c brown (\$1)			.50
1906, 1p vio. & blk., cat. 2.50			1.25
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"HAWAII" book by Luff-Howes-Richards.
*HAYTI, 1898 Unpaid, 2, 5, 10c Catalog .22
* 1896, 1, 3, 5, 7, 20c palms30
*HONDURAS 1891, 2, 5, 10 pesos.. " .30
* 1890, 25c-1p, 6 var.32
* 1891, 25c-5p, 8 var.38
* 1892, 1c-1p, comp.37

Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co., Branch Office, Beverly, Mass.

The stamps are oblong in shape, measuring about 31 mm. by 23 mm. high.



The centre consists of an engine turned oval, in the middle of which is the word TEN in uncolored block letters on a solid disc of color. Around this is an oval filled with lathe-work and then comes an oval band inscribed "SPECIAL DELIVERY WITHIN CITY LIMITS" in similar lettering to that of the word of value. This, in turn, is enclosed within another oval of lathe-work. The frame shows "CANADA POST OFFICE" in a straight label across the top, while the lower and side borders are filled with lathe-work intercepted at the bottom by a straight label containing "TEN CENTS", and at each side by a small circle containing the numerals "10." The spandrels are filled with conventional foliate ornaments. The value and special use of the stamp is thus plainly depicted and letters bearing them are easily sorted from the ordinary mail.

The stamps were, like all other Canadian stamps, printed from line-engraved plates. They were printed in sheets of fifty arranged in ten horizontal rows of five each. The imprint and plate number "OTTAWA—No.—1" are shown in the upper margin above the central stamp. Apparently this original plate is still in use, for no other plate number has yet been recorded.

At first the stamps were printed in deep green, but in January, 1906, the *Philatelic Record* mentioned a new shade, described as blue-green, and recent printings have been in a very deep shade of blue-green.

The use of these special delivery stamps, though somewhat restricted at first, soon grew steadily in volume, showing that the public appreciated the special service. The Postmaster-General in referring to this matter in his Report for 1899 says:—"The 10 cent Special Delivery stamps, to which reference was made in the last report, came into use at the beginning of the current fiscal year, simultaneously with the commencement of the Special Delivery Service, and of this stamp 52,940 were issued to meet the demands; which would go to show that the service is being availed of to a considerable extent throughout the country."

Later Reports simply indicate the extension of the service to other offices, though the one for 1908 also concedes that the use of a Special Delivery stamp is not compulsory to secure this service so long as the extra fee of ten cents is prepaid. We read that:—

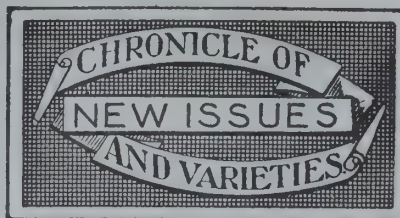
The regulations respecting special delivery have been so modified that it is no longer necessary for a person despatching a letter which he desires to have delivered immediately, to provide himself with the "special delivery" stamp issued by the department. He may now place upon his letter ordinary postage stamps to the value of ten cents in addition to the stamps required for the prepayment of postage and write across the corner of the envelope the words "special delivery". This will ensure the special delivery of the letter as provided for in the regulations.

Reference List.

1898. Engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Co., Ottawa. No wmk. Perf. 12.
102. 10c deep green, Scott's No. 160.

ADLETS 25c PER LINE.

The rate for adlets is now 25c per line. Up to Jan. 1, 1917, space can be purchased 50 lines for \$7.50 or larger space at same rate (if paid for in advance). After Dec. 31, 50 lines will cost \$10.00 and if advertising at same rate, 20c per line.



Edited by MILTON P. LYONS, JR.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address Milton P. Lyons, Jr., 1631 Chestnut St., Phila., Pa. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—William F. Palther informs us that he has a stamped envelope 1c on white size 8 without watermark. He sends us a specimen of the 2c current issue with the point of the bust of Washington touching the circle enclosing it. The two numerals come in contact with the lines surrounding them and the NTS of CENTS are close together.

The following new envelopes are chronicled upon the authority of J. M. Bartels Co.:—

B.No.	Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Kn.
145ff	2c	D	3	Buff	1	11
	2c	E	3	White	19	94

Circular

Issue 1916

*	2c	D	8	White	19	97
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Issue 1915

Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Kn.
1c	D	13	Buff	19	89
2c	C	5	Blue	20	99
2c	F	13	Amber	20	89
2c	H	3	White	20	80

Issue 1916

2c	A	5	White	19	87
2c	A	2	White	20	94

* Knife similar to 91 except that the upper and lower flaps are longer.

BAHAMAS.—According to *Stamp Collecting*, this colony contemplates the issuance of a new 3d stamp, either in brown or yellow, of the familiar "Queen's Staircase" design. A Red Cross issue is also under consideration.

GERMANY.—Aug. Marschall sends us information in connection with the receipt of two of the new stamps on watermarked paper. He has seen the 2½pf gray and 7½pf orange. They were chronicled in our issue of Sept. 9th.

GAMBIA.—The current 1d stamp has come to hand in a shade closely approaching vermilion instead of the scarlet which we have heretofore seen.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Marsh's Weekly Philatelist* reports find of a sheet of the current 3d stamp printed on the wrong side of the paper, consequently the watermark is reversed. The stamps are of a particularly bright shade.

NAURU.—Several parties have sent us specimens of the new set and information in relation to the same. For courtesies we are indebted to J. A. Galbraith and Nick Nikoletich.

SWITZERLAND.—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* is the authority for the information that the use of the 3c stamp is so small that about a million specimens may be overprinted with the figure "5". Should this take place it has been decided that the figure "3" will be entirely covered with a white tablet and the figure "5" placed over it. From the same source we learn that the yearly "Pro Juventute" stamps are in the course of preparation and that this year they will consist of a set of three values, 3, 5 and 10 centimes. Similar to last year, they are designed by the Berne artist, Wilhelm Balmer.
1916. Charity Stamps.
3 cts., Maid from Freiburg.
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A PHILATELIC DICTIONARY.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

ALBANIA.—The western division of European Turkey, bounded by the Adriatic on the west, and extending from Montenegro on the north to the boundaries of Greece on the south. It is an ethnological rather than a geographical division; its inhabitants being given to intertribal wars and brigandage. The Italian Government maintains consular post offices at some of the more important towns and in 1902 ordinary Italian stamps overprinted "Albania" and values in paras have been used in these offices. In 1909 the towns of Durrazzo, Janina, Scutari and Valona were all supplied with separate sets surcharged with their own names and values in Turkish currency.

Since the last Balkan war Albania has been made a separate territory by agreement of various governments and since 1913 it has issued its own distinctive stamps.

ALBANY.—A small city in Dougherty county, Georgia, having a present population of about 5000. A special 5c envelope was issued here by the Postmaster in 1861 for provisional use pending the appearance of the general issue for the Confederate States.

ALBINO.—An entirely colorless impression of an embossed stamp. Errors of this sort are usually found in connection with envelope stamps.

ALBUM.—So far as stamp collectors are concerned an album is a book issued for the express purpose of housing a stamp collection. These volumes may be divided into three main classes:—(a) Printed albums in which the collector is left to arrange his stamps as best he can; (b) printed albums with the spaces numbered and arranged so that the stamps can be inserted in their proper order; and (c) blank albums.

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rule, the leaves are kept in place by some mechanical contrivance so that they can be easily removed, rearranged or added to when necessary.

ALCAZAR-OUAZZAN.—Two towns in Morocco between which a local postal service was established in December, 1896, and in connection with which a set of seven stamps was issued. It is reported, though with what truth we cannot say, that owing to the protests of the Shereef of Ouazzan the service was suppressed before it had been in operation more than a month.

ALERTA.—A town in Peru which issued a special stamp in 1884. This was the 5c stamp of the ordinary issue of that date, across which the name "Alerta" was written in pen and ink.

ALEXANDRIA.—(I). An important city in the State of Virginia, having a present population of about 15,000. It is philatelically famous from the fact that in 1846 the Postmaster issued a provisional 5c postage stamp to facilitate the prepayment of postage. The stamp was set from ordinary printer's type, was printed in black, and is known on both buff and bluish grey paper. Although exceedingly rare, only three copies being known, the stamp was probably in use some months until superseded by the general Government issue on August 5th, 1847.

(II). The second largest town and most important port in modern Egypt—known to most of the native inhabitants by the Turkish name of Iskanderieh—at which the French Government maintains a Consular post office. Spécial stamps for the use of this office were first issued in 1899, these being the then current French stamps overprinted with the name "Alexandrie". Since 1902 stamps similar to the "Blanc", "Mouchon", and "Olivier Merson" types of France with the name of the town in place of "Postes" have been used. Alexandria is one of the most famous cities of antiquity having been founded so long ago as B. C. 332 by command of Alexander the Great from whom, of course, it received its name.

ALEXANDRIE.—The French form for Alexandria as shown upon the stamps issued for use in the Consular office established in that port.

ALLEN'S CITY DESPATCH.—One of the numerous private local posts of the United States. According to Scott's catalogue it was in existence in 1882-83, though in what locality its operations were carried on I have been unable to discover.

(To be continued.)

ONCE MORE—LIDEN.

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A WARNING TO DEALERS.

(The following is sent in by a dealer using WEEKLY space. We deem it worth a bit of publicity.—Ed.)

Recent developments in the Bennett case tend to show that this man's references could not have been investigated and the experience should stand as a warning. The folly of accepting a mere society number, letter head, etc., as security for valuable stamps, beggars description.

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U. S. REVENUE STAMPS.

(Continued from page 447.)

Wax tapers, (double the rate for matches), per 100 or less,	.02
Cigar lights, per package of 25 or less,	.01
per package of over 25 to 50,	.02
per each additional 25 or less per pack,	.01
Canned Meats, etc., meats, fish, shell-fish, fruits, vegetables, sauces, syrups, prepared mustard, jams or jellies, and pickles in glass packages, cans weighing two pounds or less,	.01
For each additional pound or fraction,	.01

The tax on canned meats, etc., became effective October 1, 1866, but it was altered to apply only to fish, sauces, syrups, mustard, jams and jellies, on March 2, 1867, when the tax on all writs, including "Original Process" in schedule "B" was abolished.

Considered as a whole the Civil War stamp tax law is much like the revenue law of 1797, under which the first United States revenue stamps of any kind were issued—the so-called "tea-party" stamps of 1765 having been issued for the United States, as it then was, but not by it or them, and therefore not being, strictly speaking, United States stamps, although if there had been no Tea Party stamps there might not have been any United States here in America. Cause and effect?

The United States revenue stamps of 1798 and 1813, which we will discuss more fully later, are the first and second issues, the Civil War series being the third issue of stamps, but the first issue of adhesive revenues. Like the Tea Party stamps, the issues of 1798 and 1813 were stamped paper, and it is interesting to note the similarity in the wording of the instructions to the authorities in charge of selling the stamps in both of the earlier issues and in that of 1862, all being required to maintain a stock of stamped paper, vellum or parchment sufficient to fill orders. In 1862, the word "stamps"—that is, adhesives—was added, and postmasters were included in the list of those authorized to sell the revenue stamps. Looking back from 1862, it was almost as far to 1813, as it is to 1862, from today and 1797 is eleven years further from 1862 than we are in 1916. During the half century after 1813, adhesive stamps came into general use and although there seems to have been a serious attempt to evolve a system of stamped paper that would meet the requirements of the Civil War tax it was never worked out beyond the stamps printed on checks and a few other documents.

CHAPTER V.—Imperforate and Part Perforated.

Under the law of July 1862, the stamp for a particular instrument was not to be used for any other, the reason for issuing stamps of different titles being that statistics of considerable value were expected to be obtained. Instructions were given that titles as well as denominations should be specified in orders for the stamps. From the beginning however, the stamps were used interchangeably to a greater or less extent and the act of June, 1864, expressly provided that any stamps could be used for documentary taxes except those designated for proprietary. As early as December 25, 1862, interchangeable use of the documentary stamps had been recognized as the third section of the Act of Congress approved on that date made every instrument valid if stamps denoting the amount of the duty had been affixed and used. This law also prohibited the use of proprietary stamps on documents.

Documentary stamps appear to have been considered available for use on the articles of Schedule "C" for some time previous to July 12, 1864, but possibly only between June 30 and the latter date. Letters to Butler & Carpenter on July 12 and July 19, 1864, show that thereafter the stamps for the two schedules were to be kept entirely separate and that the playing card stamps

were to go out of use as soon as the supply on hand was exhausted. How long the playing card and proprietary stamps had been interchangeable is not stated, but from July, 1864, until the remainder of the former were used up, there was no distinction made between them. On August 2, 1864, all the 1c playing cards were gone and there were on hand only 152,746 of the 3c and 266,482 of the 4c. Of the 5c, the remainder was 286,700—enough to last about two months—so probably the 5c proprietary, which was first delivered to the department August 25, 1864, was not issued for use until October. It could hardly have been used very extensively by itself the next two years, since the only articles of schedule "C" requiring a 5c stamp were a photograph costing over 50c and a box of 500 matches; and after 1866, when the tax on playing cards was five cents per pack, many of the larger card manufacturers were using private die stamps. Probably the 5c proprietary was most frequently used on medicines and perfumery selling for \$1.25 or \$1.50 per package or bottle, a one cent stamp being added to make up the six cent rate required. The Boston Book lists several printed cancellations of playing card manufacturers on this stamp and some of them are dated 1863, a year or more before the stamp was issued or printed, but gives no explanation for the back-dating and we are left to surmise whether it was accidental or intentional. Judging from all that is known about it, the 5c proprietary should be considered as the successor of the 5c playing cards rather than as contemporary with it.

Had the law of 1862 been fully complied with, many imperforates and part perforates could not have been used otherwise than as single copies, and we would be just as uncertain whether or not they were issued in unfinished condition as we are regarding the 40c Inland Exchange imperforate. Margins on single copies, no matter how large, do not prove anything. Many imperforates with small margins or none at all may have come from imperforate sheets, and occasionally perforated stamps have such large margins that the perforations can be trimmed off and still leave margins that seem ample. This would occur more often if the stamps had not been perforated on the outside edge of the outside row in the sheet. So far as the writer knows, the outside edge was always perforated.

Pairs and strips usually prove the stamps to have been issued imperforate or part perforate, but not always. The only pair of 40c Inland Exchange in imperforate condition known to the writer is vertical and has large margins all around, especially at the sides, but although it is cancelled in December, 1862, within three weeks of the date when the 40c stamps were first issued, it may possibly be a part perforate pair from which the side perforations were trimmed. As part perforate 40c stamps are always perforated vertically and not horizontally, if this were a horizontal

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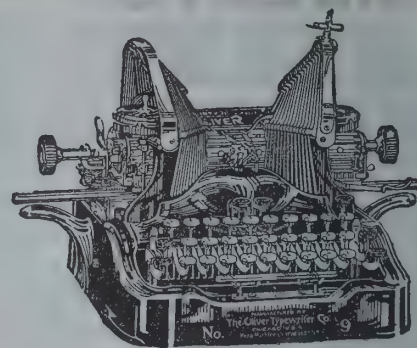


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pair it would be accepted as proof that 40c stamps were issued imperforate.

Some part perforate pairs must also be accepted with caution, since where the stamp is rare part perforate and comparatively common imperforate there exists the possibility that an unscrupulous person may have "un-officially" perforated an imperforate pair, strip or block. This is particularly applicable to such stamps as the 10c Bill of Lading, 25c Life Insurance, and the \$1 and \$2 Conveyance. The writer has seen only one satisfactory part perforate pair of the Bill of Lading and \$2 Conveyance, and three pairs of the 25c Life Insurance. Of the \$1 Conveyance there existed a block of four which has been separated into two pairs. All of these stamps, including the Bill of Lading, are perforate vertically and no evidence that the latter exists part perforate horizontally is available. The best evidence that the 50c Life Insurance was issued part perforate is a horizontal strip perforated vertically with very large margins at top and bottom showing parts of the adjoining stamps. The writer has never seen a vertical pair.

A few of the large stamps—values 25c and over—are known in horizontal pairs imperforate vertically, and the 50c Mortgage and \$25 Mortgage exist in horizontal pairs perforated all around and imperforate vertically between. The 50c Mortgage pairs have a peculiar saw tooth perforation that is probably unofficial. The \$25 pairs have the regular perforation, and are all of the same shade, a bright orange-red or vermilion. Four of the latter pairs are on record—one of which has been separated and rejoined, and a very few "half pairs" have been noted. The \$10 Conveyance is catalogued part perforate, but is not so listed in the Boston Book and the writer can find no record of a pair. The same is also true of the 2c U. S. I. R. orange.

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Doubtless nearly every collector is familiar with the processes involved in the manufacture of postage stamps. In making the plates for engraved stamps, a piece of soft steel, slightly larger than the design, is engraved. This is known as the die. After the engraving is finished, the steel is subjected to a hot bath of cyanide of potassium and quickly dipped into cold water, the sudden drop in temperature causing the metal to harden.

Next, an impression from this die is forced into a piece of soft steel, circular in form, known as the transfer roll, by subjecting it to great pressure. This roll is then hardened, and is ready for use in transferring the design to the plate.

After the plate has been properly spaced, the transfer roll is applied to it, and the design is impressed in the plate by rocking the roll over it, under pressure. This causes the design on the roll to be forced into the plate, and so great is the pressure, that even the finest lines will appear. This process is repeated according to the number of stamps to be printed from the plate.

Occasionally, after the transfer roll is applied to the plate, but before it is "rocked" it is discovered to be out of alignment. It is then necessary to re-set the roll on the plate correctly. This difference may be only the smallest fraction. The pressure on the roll will cause a few lines to be impressed where it rests on the plate, and after the correct position is made and the impression taken, the original lines will also be included in the plate. This is the cause of the variety known as the "Double Transfer", often erroneously called "Shifted Die" though it is not the result of the die at all.

Double transfers may be found on practically all varieties of engraved stamps. They usually consist of extra

lines at the top or bottom of the stamp, according to the way the roll was "rocked", whether up or down. Often they are hardly noticeable without the aid of a magnifying glass. On the other hand, double transfers are known where the variation is as great as one-eighth inch. In a great many instances, the faulty lines can be removed from the plate, and of course, this is done whenever it is possible.

The collector who makes a close study of his stamps, and who learns how to find double transfers will find a great deal of sport in looking for them and will be rewarded quite frequently.

Stitch Watermarks.

Another prominent minor variety which proves of interest to collectors is the stitch watermark variety. This is found on practically all issues of United States stamps, but is more prevalent in the earlier issues.

This variety is caused in manufacturing the paper. In manufacturing machine-made paper, the paper pulp is led from the vat on a cloth belt which carries the pulp through the rollers of the machine. The ends of this belt are sewed together, to make it continuous. When the pulp is subjected to the pressure of the rollers, this seam is impressed in it, showing very clearly the stitches. The seam occurs every ten or fifteen feet, according to the construction of the belt, and therefore one row of stamps in every fifteen or twenty sheets when cut will show the stitch watermark. In other words, about one row in every two hundred will show the variety.

In examining stamps for stitch watermark, it is advisable to work under a fairly strong light, placing the stamps face down on a sheet of black paper, or in a benzine cup. A little practice will enable one to detect these varieties even without a watermark cup, as nearly all stitches can be plainly seen on the reverse of the stamp. There are, of course, many varieties of this watermark, and the coarse stitches are more easily detected than the finer ones. It

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The Issue of 1847.

The Postmasters' Provisional stamps having proven a success, the Postmaster General decided to issue stamps for use throughout the United States, and accordingly prevailed upon Congress to pass a bill authorizing the issue of postage stamps. This bill was approved on March 3rd, 1847, and a contract for the stamps was placed shortly after with the engraving firm of Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, of New York City. The stamps were ordered for July 1st, but delivery was not made until August 5th.

Two values were issued, a 5c and 10c. Since Franklin was the first postmaster of the United States, it was very fitting that his portrait should grace the first United States postage stamp. Accordingly, he was featured on the 5c stamp, showing three-quarter face looking toward the left, after a portrait by John B. Longacre. The inscription "U. S." and "Post Office" were placed at the top of the stamp, the value is inscribed "Five Cents" and numerals "5" in the lower portion.

The 10c stamp bore the portrait of George Washington, from Stuart's painting, showing three-quarters face looking toward the right. The same inscription "U. S." and "Post Office" is found at the top of this value, while the denomination "Ten Cents" appears in the lower portion with large Roman numerals "X" in each corner.

It is believed that only one plate, consisting of ten horizontal and ten vertical rows, was made for each value, but it is possible that two plates were made for the 5c. No plate numbers, imprints, or other engravers' marks are found on these plates, with the exception of the initials R. W. H. & E. which appear as part of the design on each stamp.

Two slight double transfers exist on the 5c, and one very distinct variety on the 10c. Practically the entire design appears double at the upper portion of the stamp, the lines in the lettering appearing very plainly.

A grayish blue wove paper was used principally for both values, but quite a supply was printed on a yellowish white wove stock. Copies are also known on a lilac-gray laid paper, but these are extremely rare, and are usually found in unused condition.

The 5c value is found in at least eight shades, ranging from brown to red orange. As this stamp oxidizes very readily, many of the odd shades so often seen turn out to be the ordinary tints when treated to a peroxide of hydrogen bath. Prolonged soaking in peroxide has a tendency to remove the bluish tint from the paper, making it resemble the white paper variety.

The brown shade is quite common, while the orange and true red orange are somewhat rare.

The ten cent stamp is listed by Luff as appearing in full black, grayish black, and greenish black. Being a black stamp, little range of shade is possible.

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another was used for the 7/2c rate, and is very rare. The 10c stamp was bisected both vertically and horizontally for use as 5c. Bisected stamps are, of course, only proven authentic when on piece or entire cover with cancellation covering the cut.

Pen cancellations are quite frequently found on both of these values, and the removal of these cancellations is responsible for some of the fraudulent unused copies so often offered the amateur specialist. A careful examination under a glass will usually reveal the pen mark, either by the stain or by the slight scratches in the paper.

Red cancellations are most frequently found. Black and blue are slightly rarer. Green cancellations are rarest of all the colors. Town and Paid obliterations are not as often seen as the grid-iron, while Express and Railway cancellations are rare. Town and date cancellations were not generally used until several years after this issue.

The 1847 issue was declared obsolete and unavailable for use on June 30th, 1851, but copies of the 10c are known to be used for a number of years thereafter.

The dies and plates were destroyed, and all remainders of the stamps were returned to the post office, where they were burned.

The Government imitations of 1875 will be taken up in connection with an article covering the issues of that date.

(To be continued.)

WHY NO MORE WATERMARKED PAPER?

Two of our Rhode Island subscribers writing the Post Office and Treasury Departments in regard to the discontinuance of the use of watermarked paper in the making of U. S. stamps received replies that will be of interest to our readers.

The first letter is dated December 6 and was written by W. J. Barrows, Acting Third Assistant Postmaster General, to C. S. Reynolds, a member of the R. I. P. S. We quote:—

"The paper used in the production of postage stamps was formerly watermarked as a protection against counterfeiting. The watermarking was discontinued because it was found to possess little or no value for that purpose, and tended to restrict competition for the Government's supply of postage stamp paper."

J. E. Ralph, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, under date of December 7, wrote Harold M. Gibbs, secretary of the R. I. P. S., as follows:

"At the time of the adoption of the watermarked paper in 1895, it was believed that the use of such paper would add additional security to the stamps. Long experience has demonstrated that it is difficult to obtain perfectly watermarked paper. It was found that the watermarking in the paper weakened it and on account of its irregularity interfered with the perfect printing of the stamps. It has also been found that the watermark has nothing whatever to do with determining whether a single stamp was genuine, the proper plan being to rely upon the excellence of the engraving and printing. The doing away with watermarked paper permits the production of a stamp which is more

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MEXICAN NOTES.

By ENFIELD.

I wish to confirm the existence and current use of the 60c on 2c 1910 with red surcharge. It is on sale quite generally in various post offices throughout Mexico, being one of the current set and sold for silver only. This surcharge on the 2c 1910 in any other color but red is a proof, as stated in my other article. The same plate was used for surcharging the 60c value on 1c and 2c Denver (in black) and on the 10c postage due (in red), but these three were sold in Mexico City (nowhere else) for paper money and are now obsolete since the 4th of this month.

The postage rate of 1 peso (paper money) which was in force in Mexico during part of November resulted in a new color (shade) of the 1p lighthouse and five new provisionals on the 1, 2, 4, 5, 10c postage due stamps. The surcharge is line-engraved, and consists of "G. P. de M.—1—peso" in a label similar to other recent surcharges. The 1p on 4c postage due was prepared in large quantities (said to have been 3,000,000) and distributed throughout the country for postal use, the other values in smaller quantities (but doubtless plenty) for philatelic consumption only!

Towards the last of November, the rate of postage was raised to 2½ pesos (paper money) and a similar set of provisionals was prepared for that value, but these were printed from ordinary type, the letters "P" and "M" inside of a large "G" (for "G P M") and the value "\$2.50." In this case the 2½p on 1c postage due was given the large circulation, and the others (2½p on 2, 4, 5, 10c postage due) made for stamp collectors only.

On December 1st the postage rate was raised to 5 pesos (paper money) and it is said that some provisionals were prepared for use, but they were never issued, as on December 2 to 4 a decree was promulgated demonetizing all stamps sold in paper money and placing the "Correos de Mexico" on a silver basis exclusively.

The following stamps and none others are now on sale at Mexican post offices, some of the varieties being found in certain offices and others elsewhere: 2c, 3c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 50c surcharged G P de M on 1910 issue, on \$ surcharge, and on baby G C M; 4c G P de M on \$ surcharge only; 60c in red on 2c 1910; 1p and 5p G P de M on 1910 and \$ surcharge only. The 5c on 1910 is on sale with the G P de M' surcharge in ultramarine reading down at right, and in blue reading up at left, the former being the older and more common variety.

The 1c G P de M in three varieties, the 4c G P de M on 1910 and baby G C M, and the 1p G P de M on baby G C M, are good for postage, but they have never been issued to the public; when they are so issued, there will be a decided drop in their price to stamp collectors.

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—We have received a diagram showing the double and triple transfers on the upper right pane of Plate 6900 12c current issue. It comes to us from Fred N. McGown and we expect to give further particulars concerning the transfers on this sheet of stamps in the near future.

—Tuesday, January 9th, the Cincinnati Philatelic Society will hold the initial meeting for 1917. Erwin L. Fischer, vice president, will deliver on that night a lecture on the "Postal Service and Stamps of Denmark." Mr. Bertram W. H. Poole has given his assistance in preparing these notes. All philatelists are invited to attend this meeting which will be held in Room 312 Union Central Life Building. The lecture will start at 9.00 P. M.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Outlook.—Philatelists have marked the passing year with watchful eye and in consequence are so well informed of the progress of philately during the past twelve months that it is unnecessary to dwell upon the onward course of philatelic events. The customary recapitulation would show that interest in stamps has become greatly intensified by the unusual conditions that have prevailed; and any prediction fairly would be full and confident. We are in the midst of the busiest of seasons and the momentum that has been generated will carry us on well into the summer, even if untoward influences should develop. The market for the better things in stamps is so active that the plaint of the big stamp handlers resolves itself into the difficulty of obtaining the specimens to meet the demand; and this is tantamount to saying that all classes and conditions of stamps are feeling the quickening effect.

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On—Mexico is getting on. It will begin the new year right with a permanent set which it is said officially will have a tenure of existence for four years, at all events. With the habitual optimism of the collector, we shall accept the stamps in the words with which they are presented and rejoice that order will succeed the turbulence of Mexico's recent philatelic history. The new stamps are on a silver basis which is at the rate of fifty cents to the peso; and the denominations are: 1c, violet; 2c, green; 5c, blue; 10c, dark blue; 40c, purple; 1p, blue and black and 5p, green and black. The first four stamps named have portraits as the central designs and the three high values are the same as the current set except that the colors are changed. Zaragoza is shown on the 1c, Vasquez on the 2c, and Madero on the 10c. We are not informed as to whether there will be other denominations. The stamps are the product of the government printing office at Mexico City and are engraved, if they are not printed by a new process, akin to offset lithography.

Owed—We are waiting for a sketch of Kellogg, the artist, who now seems rightly to be named as the maker of the portrait from which the bust of Jackson on the two cent black stamp was copied. *Vide* editorial in the issue of December 16th, 1916. We have been promised particulars and when they are received, they will be duly detailed.

Odd—The following letter from the general post office, Wellington, Dominion of New Zealand, to a Chicago business firm is self-explanatory: "With reference to your communication of the 2nd ultimo, respecting the return to —, Waikino, Auckland, of a letter addressed to yourselves: I have the honour to inform you that during the continuance of hostilities the transmission of correspondence written in any language other than English, French, Italian or German, is prohibited. The letter referred to was written in the Croatian language and was therefore, returned to the sender."

Off—Our idea of the pinnacle of futility is to attempt to give a correct notion of a shade variation of a stamp by printed words. Furthermore, a shade of a stamp of which millions are printed each week is nothing to become hysterical over, but nevertheless and notwithstanding, we cannot refrain from saying that from an office in Mississippi, name indecipherable, we have seen a pair of one cent green in a shade that is a shade,

almost an olive green. The least we can do is to put the color on record.

Objection—Just to meander for a few moments on a by-path. The percentage of readers who are interested in microscopic varieties is not great and from this classification we exempt the varieties listed in the catalogue. Only the obscurer variations are under notice and now we make pronouncement concerning them. Not one of every three of the confirmed minor variety devotees takes the time and trouble, we aver, to read printed descriptions of the dot and dash differences and of those who read it is doubtful if every other one understands just what the variety is or can visualize it approximately. Yet, we persist in printing these descriptions although it must be admitted that we do not carry out this obstinacy to the bitter end. In philatelic jurisprudence, there should be a law making it a misdemeanor to print instead of illustrate the slight differences in stamps.

Obliging—We have heard of several fond and faithful husbands who made their wives beautiful Christmas presents in the shape of stamp albums, blank and otherwise, to say nothing of choice and expensive stamps to grace their pages, but only of one who had the heart to buy back the presents, when to his simulated astonishment, the wife declined to become enthusiastic over the gifts, albeit the reduction in price was a sweeping one.

Out—As readers may remember, the dealers' journal, the *Stamp Trade*, was transferred by its publisher, Mr. F. S. Parmelee, when the editor, Mr. Ora E. Stark, who is in the office of the depot quartermaster of the war department, was ordered to the border upon the mobilization of the militia for federal service. Even though he is a border exile, Mr. Stark is gadding about a bit in El Paso, Texas, and has met Mr. Wallace K. Austin of the El Paso Stamp Company, as well as Mr. W. E. Foster who is known as a dealer specialist in the "rebel" issues of Mexico. Mr. Stark discourses: "We want to try to have a gathering of collectors here one of these days and we may instill life into some of those who are now smouldering in their activities. Everybody here is interested in Mexicans and Mexicans only and as my interest in these heretofore has been slight, I am somewhat handicapped in the discussions,—but I hope to learn."

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CHAPTER XXIX.**The Registration Stamps.**

The convenience of the registry sys-
tem was adopted in Canada in May,
1855, at which time the fee was the re-
markably low one of one penny. In
1856 the system was extended to cover
letters sent to the United States by
mutual agreement between the post
office departments of both countries,
and while the domestic rate remained
at one penny the fee for the registra-
tion of letters to the United States was
three pence. Mr. Howes has discov-
ered an interesting notice in the Cana-
dian Directory for 1857-8 which gives
further details as follows:—

Persons transmitting letters, which
they desire should pass through the
post as "registered letters", must ob-
serve that no record is taken of any
letter unless specially handed in for
registration at the time of the post-
ing. Upon all such letters, with the
exception of those addressed to the
United States, one penny must be
prepaid as a registration charge. If
addressed to the United States, the
ordinary postage rate on the letters to
that country must be prepaid, and in
addition a registration charge of 3d
per letter. The registry thus ef-
fected in Canada will be carried on
by the United States Post Office until
the letter arrives at its destination.

In like manner, letters addressed to
Canada may be registered at the place
of posting in the United States, and
the registry made there will accom-
pany the letter to the place of deliv-
ery in Canada.

A certificate of registration will be
given by the postmaster if required.

The registration system can be ap-
plied to the letter portion of the mail
only.

The registration system at that time
made no provision for compensation in
case of the loss of letters, the small
extra fee charged simply indicating that
extra care would be taken to secure
proper delivery. Evidently at that time
the fee was paid in money, and the
letters then marked with a handstamp
of some sort, for in the Postmaster-
General's Report for 1858 we read, "It
is also considered that it would be an
improvement on the system if the
charge for registration were made pre-
payable by a stamp, instead of by money
as at present." It is probable that
shortly after this the prepayment of the
registry fee was indicated by the affix-
ing of stamps of the required value.
The report for 1860 refers to the sys-
tem as follows:—

A rate of charge for Registration
so low as, in no probable degree, to
operate as a motive, with persons
posting letters of value, to deny them-
selves the advantage of securing from
the Post Office an acknowledgment of
the receipt of the specific letter, has
always been considered to be a cardi-
nal point in the Canadian Registra-
tion System.

The Registration fee, or charge,
has, therefore, under the influence of
this consideration, been maintained at
2 cents, though it is doubtful whether
such a rate of charge covers the
actual cost of the process; the ad-
dress of the Registered Letter hav-
ing, in the course of transmission, to
be entered on an average not less
than six times, and forms of certifi-
cate or receipt, and Books in which
to preserve permanent records at each
Post Office, to be supplied.

The postal officials were evidently
strong believers in the Registration
system and lost no opportunity of
dwelling on its merits. In his Report
for 1864 the Postmaster-General tells
of its manifold advantages as follows:—

When a letter is registered, that is
to say, marked and recorded in the
Post Office so as to individualise it
from the bulk of ordinary letter cor-
respondence, its presence in the Post
Office can be identified and its course
of transmission traced, and a regis-
tered letter is thus secured from the
chance of abstraction by an unfaithful
messenger employed to post it (as it
is always open to proof whether the
letter was posted for registration or
not), from risk of loss by accidental
mis-direction on the part of the
sender, and from mistakes in the
Post Office—such as mis-sending or
delivery to a wrong party. Against
actual dishonesty on the part of the
Post Office employees, a registered
letter is incomparably more secure
than an unregistered one, for an un-
registered money-letter and the nature
of its contents are, to any person ac-
customed to handle letters, as mani-
fest as though the letter had been
singled out and marked by the regis-
tered stamp. Moreover, the safety of
an unregistered letter is dependent
on the integrity of a Post Office Clerk
during the whole time that it remains
in his custody, frequently for hours,
or even days; whilst a registered
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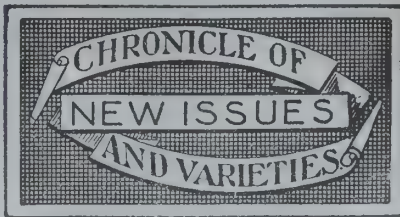
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UNITED STATES.—We discontinued some time ago the regular chronicle of precancelled stamps. Carl O. Swaney has sent us a specimen of a new set used at Trinidad, Colo., during the Christmas season. Eleven of the lower values were thus precancelled.

ARABIA.—According to *Stamp Collector* this country will issue a quarter-piastre stamp in green. This is in addition to the half-piastre and one piastre chronicled in ours of December 2nd.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Rumor states that when the present series of commemorative stamps are exhausted a new series will be issued and the now well known "ploughman" type discontinued. George B. Warren, Jr., has shown us a used pair of the 12c commemorative stamps, as chronicled some weeks ago.

DOMINICA.—Last month we made a full distribution of the ½d War Tax stamps, which almost exhausted our first supply. The Postmaster has since returned the money we sent for a second lot, informing us that as the issue was a limited one, no more can be supplied. It is difficult to understand why such an issue should be limited, the overprinting is done in London, and the stamps can be produced to an unlimited extent. The stamps are avowedly issued to raise money for war purposes, and it seems an absurdity to prevent anyone from voluntarily increasing the revenue by buying the stamps in large quantities. In all probability there will be a new printing, when the restriction will be removed.—*King's Monthly List*.

GERMAN EAST AFRICA.—There is not likely to be any overprint on German East Africa stamps, as an esteemed correspondent with the East African Expeditionary Force writes us that there have been no postage stamps in the Colony for the past year, the supply having become exhausted, and owing to the British blockade, no fresh stocks could be obtained. In these circumstances, recourse was had to the following expedient, blank envelopes were handed in at the Post Office, and payment of the postage made in cash, the envelopes then being impressed with two rubber stamps in the upper right corner, at the top the words "Frankiert mit 7½ H." in two lines, and beneath the official postal seal, a circular device bearing the Imperial Arms in the centre, surrounded by an inscription as follows:—"KAISERL. POSTDIKTOR DEUTSCH-OSTAFRIKA." The envelopes were then handed back to be used as desired.—*King's Monthly List*.

GREECE.—A. Blanc advises us that the Provisional Government of Greece is about to or has already placed in circulation a new series of stamps bearing the portrait of ex-Premier Venizelos.

NAURU.—We are indebted to Herman Focke for specimens of the new set. He gives us this information concerning these provisional stamps issued by the British Military Occupation in the island of Nauru of the Marshall group:—"The set consists of the ½d, 1d, 2½d, 2sh 6d, 5sh and 10sh values of the present set for Great Britain with surcharge NAURU in black for all values excepting the 10sh on which it is in red.

On the lower values the surcharge is at the bottom, on the high values in somewhat larger type at the top. The stamps were issued on October 15th."

NYASALAND PROTECTORATE.—*Scott's Circular* says: "This month we chronicle two stamps of this Protectorate overprinted 'N. F.' for use of the Nyasaland troops of the forces invading German East Africa. Only two values ½d and 1d were overprinted. The stamps are for use on registered letters, parcels, etc., and are supposed to be restricted to the soldiers and not for sale to dealers and others. The overprinting was authorized by General Northey, the commanding officer of the Nyasaland troops, and sanctioned by the Governor of Nyasaland. It has been stated that the letters 'N. F.' signified Northey's Force or Nyasaland Force. A correspondent of the *West End Philatelist* states: "We wanted stamps up here for registered parcels, etc., and asked the Governor of Nyasaland to send up some surcharged 'N. F. F.' (Nyasaland Field Force). They surcharged them 'N. F.' instead of 'N. F. F.'"

PHILIPPINES.—A bill authorizing the issuance of stamps to be known as national stamps, bearing the photographs of Osmena, Quezon, Harrison and Jones, has been introduced in the lower house by Representative Raffinan. The stamps are to be as follows: A 2 centavo stamp to immortalize Osmena, a 20 centavo stamp dedicated to Quezon, a 50 centavo stamp to Mr. Harrison and a peso stamp to Mr. Jones. The 2 centavo stamp alone will be used for postal purposes; the others are for revenue use. The bill provides that all correspondence out of the country must bear a 2 centavo national stamp in addition to the regular postage prescribed by the Director of Posts. The funds thus raised are to be expended on the national defenses of the Philippine Islands.—W. F. SLUSSER.

SIAM.—It is reported from various sources that this country is about to issue a new set of stamps from 2 satangs to 20 bahts.

SPANISH MOROCCO.—The overprint on these stamps has been altered to "ZONA DE PROTECTORADO ESPANOL EN MARRUECOS," but as yet only the 5c and 10c values have been issued. The lines of perforation being incorrectly spaced, there are in each sheet only four vertical rows well centred, the other six rows being so badly perforated that in most cases the designs are cut into.—*King's Monthly List*.

ST. KITTS-NEVIS.—A special printing of the ½d current design Postage and Revenue stamp has been made in blue green, and overprinted WAR TAX, in one line, in the same sans serif type and spacing as used for the London overprinted War Tax stamps of St. Lucia and Grenada. The overprint is in black and applied to complete sheets of 120 (two panes of 60 each). These overprinted stamps were received at Basse Terre in the latter days of October. The notice to the public relating to this War Tax on letters appears below:—"On and after 1st September all letters posted to places in the British Empire (except Antigua, Montserrat, Dominica and the Virgin Islands) must bear an extra ½d stamp, in addition to the usual postage. ½d stamps surcharged "War Stamp" will shortly be on sale for this purpose. Until these are ready ordinary stamps can be used."—HARRY E. HUBER.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322 Tremont Bldg., 8.15 P. M.

Dec. 19th, 1916.

Thirty-seven members and three visitors were present this evening at the meeting of the Society. The resignation of Mr. Charles F. Powers was read and accepted. Mr. W. F. Marquardt was unanimously elected to membership and the application of Mr. Wm. Shafer was posted to be acted upon at the next regular meeting. The Treasurer reported that there was still a large number of delinquents and it was voted that all members who were in arrears for dues be suspended until the March meeting when they would be automatically dropped from membership. Nominations for officers for the year 1917 were then made. The President announced that after the election of officers at the January meeting there would be a general discussion of the Scott Catalogue. This should prove interesting and instructive.

The meeting was then turned over to the entertainment committee, Messrs. Dunning, Barker and Fowle and the enjoyment of those present was a tribute to the work of this committee, who, as usual, had worked hard to give the members something novel. Mr. Crocker from the Arionola Co., brought one of his machines with him and the entertainment started with "Home Sweet Home" played on it. This was followed by a "sleighing piece" and a "chime record", after which our old friend Santa Claus in the person of Mr. Fowle appeared and distributed candy to those in attendance. The members then gathered round the table upon which were name cards attached to ribbons which led under a white cloth and at a given signal were pulled out bringing to light an envelope containing stamps. Each one was presented with an envelope containing 5 stamps. The members were given ten minutes in which to exchange these so that each one might hold one stamp from each of 5 countries designated by the committee. The prize for this contest was a pie and was won by Mr. Blanchard. The "pie" which was guaranteed to be given to each one proved to be a small copper coin from India. The meeting adjourned at 10.20 p. m., after a vote of thanks had been given to the committee for their efforts.

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POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA

(Continued from page 457.)

It was not until 1872 that the idea of issuing special stamps for the prepayment of the registration fee was mooted but in the Postmaster-General's Report for that year we read:—

It seems expedient to adopt some distinctive postage stamp to be used only in prepayment of the Registration charge, both to make it clear that this charge has been duly paid and accounted for in every case, and to diminish the risk which is occasionally felt at points of distribution of omitting to carry on the Registration in cases where the ordinary Registration postmark is not as distinct and calculated to arrest attention as it should be.

It has always been the policy of the Canadian Post Office to admit letters to Registration at a low rate of charge for the additional security thus given, so as to leave no adequate motive, on the score of cost, for sending valuable letters through the mails unregistered, and, doubtless, the very large proportion of such letters offered for registration demonstrates a gratifying measure of success in attaining the desired object.

In spite of this recommendation it was not until three years later that special stamps for Registration purposes made their appearance. They were finally placed on sale on November 15th, 1875, and were referred to by the Postmaster-General in his Report for that year as follows:—

Registration stamps have been issued, to be used by the public in prepaying the registration charges on letters passing within the Dominion, or to the United Kingdom or United States, each destination being distinguished by a different color in the stamp, as well as by a variation in of registration charge and value of the stamp. The red stamp of the value of 2c or the prepayment of the registration charges on letters within the Dominion.

There is a green stamp of five cents value for registered letters addressed to the United States.

There is a blue stamp of eight cents value for registered letters addressed to the United Kingdom.

These stamps are to apply exclusively to the registration charges and the postage rates on registered letters are to be prepaid by the ordinary postage stamps.

It is believed that the use of these distinctive stamps for the registration charges will tend to give registered letters additional security against the risk which is sometimes felt of the registration escaping observation, when such letters are dealt with hurriedly or handled at night, whilst passing through the post.



These registration stamps were not only of distinctive design but also of distinctive shape so that they were readily recognised from ordinary postage stamps. They are long, narrow labels and the design is the same for each. On an engine-turned background the word "REGISTERED" in large uncolored Roman capitals is curved prominently across the centre. Below is "LETTER STAMP", also curved but in smaller letters, while above is "CANADA" on a straight label in still smaller lettering. At each end are tables containing the value in words reading up at the left and down at the right, and in the upper corners are large uncolored numerals plainly denoting the value. Like all other Canadian stamps they were printed from line-engraved plates on unwater-

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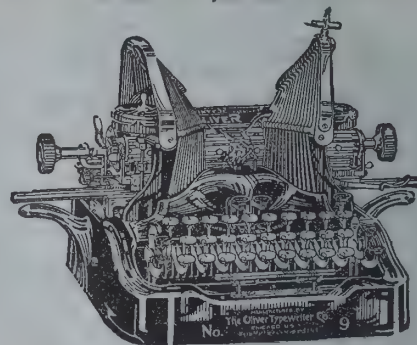


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marked paper. They were at first printed in sheets of fifty in ten horizontal rows of five stamps each. Mr. Howes describes the marginal details as follows:—

The imprint was the same as the second type employed for the small "cents" issue—"British American Bank Note Co. Montreal" in a pearled frame—and likewise appeared four times on the sheet, as already fully described in the chapter dealing with that issue. The denomination of the stamp was also expressed as TWO CENTS, in the shaded Roman capitals which we found in the case of the postage stamps, over the first stamp in the top row of that value, but with the 5 cent the word FIVE alone appears. The 8 cent we have not seen. On the 2 cent there is also a large numeral 2, 7½ mm. high, over the last stamp in the top row (number 5) but the 5 cent has none.

The stamps were ordinarily perforated 12, like the then current postage stamps, but the 2c in orange and the 5c in dark-green are both known entirely imperforate.

The Postmaster-General's Report for 1877 stated that "the registration charge on registered letters between the United Kingdom and Canada has been reduced from 8 cents to 5 cents". This, naturally, largely reduced the demand for the 8 cents stamp though it is probable that the 8c rate still applied to foreign countries. Shortly afterwards (the exact date has not been traced) the registration fee on letters to all foreign countries was reduced to 5 cents so that the use of the 8c denomination was entirely abolished. The stamps in the hands of postmasters were called in and destroyed and by examining the official figures relating to the numbers originally issued and those destroyed Mr. Howes estimates that about 40,000 of these 8c registration stamps were used.

In 1889 a general revision of postal rates took place, as already explained in Chapter X, and one of these changes affected the registration fee. The domestic fee was raised from 2c to 5c so that the registration charge was uniform and was 5c on letters sent anywhere. This, of course, did away with the usefulness of the 2c registration stamps but, as indicated in the official circular, "for the present, and until further instructed, the registration fee may be prepaid by using the 2 cent Registration stamps and postage stamps to make up the amount."

The Postmaster-General's Report for 1889, in referring to the advance in the registration charge, says:—

The charge for the registration of a letter, parcel, book or other articles of mail matter was also made uniform, and fixed at 5 cents for all classes of matter. The frequent delay consequent upon the prepayment of a wrong registration fee will no longer take place.

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The removal of the printing establishment of the British American Bank Note Company from Montreal to Ottawa resulted in some marked changes in the shades of the then current postage stamps as we have already shown in a previous chapter. The registration stamps were also affected in some degree the 2 cents value, in particular, appearing in a number of new and brighter tints. The 5c appeared in blue-green—a distinct contrast from the green and yellow-green shades previously current.

In 1892 some of the postage stamps, it will be remembered, appeared in sheets of 200 instead of 100 as formerly. About the same period new plates were made for the 5c registration stamp, these containing one hundred impressions in ten rows of ten, instead of fifty as before.

On August 1st, 1893, a regular postage stamp of the denomination of 8c was issued for the purpose of paying the postage and registration charge and the appearance of this sounded the death knell of the special registration stamps. The supplies in the hands of postmasters were used up and when exhausted no more were printed.

Much has been written regarding the 2c registration stamp printed in brown. These were originally found at the Miscou Light House Post Office in New Brunswick and though the stamps were in an unmistakably dark brown shade it has since been satisfactorily proved that the change was quite accidental and that immersion in peroxide would restore them to their original color. Although the Postmaster of the above named office is said to have stated that the

The Charm of Stamp Collecting

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Selections on approval of scarce items at 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5c net and up.
References. JOS. D. AMEY,
2765 No. 23rd St., Phila., Pa.

stamps were in brown when he received them there is little doubt he must have been mistaken. Much the same thing happened in connection with the current six cents United States stamps at an office on the Pacific Coast (San Pedro). Some of these stamps were found in a distinct brown shade almost exactly matching that of the 4c value and though some local collectors had dreams of a rare error of color it was easily proved that they were simply oxidised.

Reference List.

1875-89. Engraved and printed by the British American Bank Note Co., Montreal or Ottawa. No wmk. Perf. 12.

103. 2c vermilion, Scott's Nos. 151 or 152.

104. 5c green, Scott's No. 153.

105. 8c blue, Scott's No. 154.

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